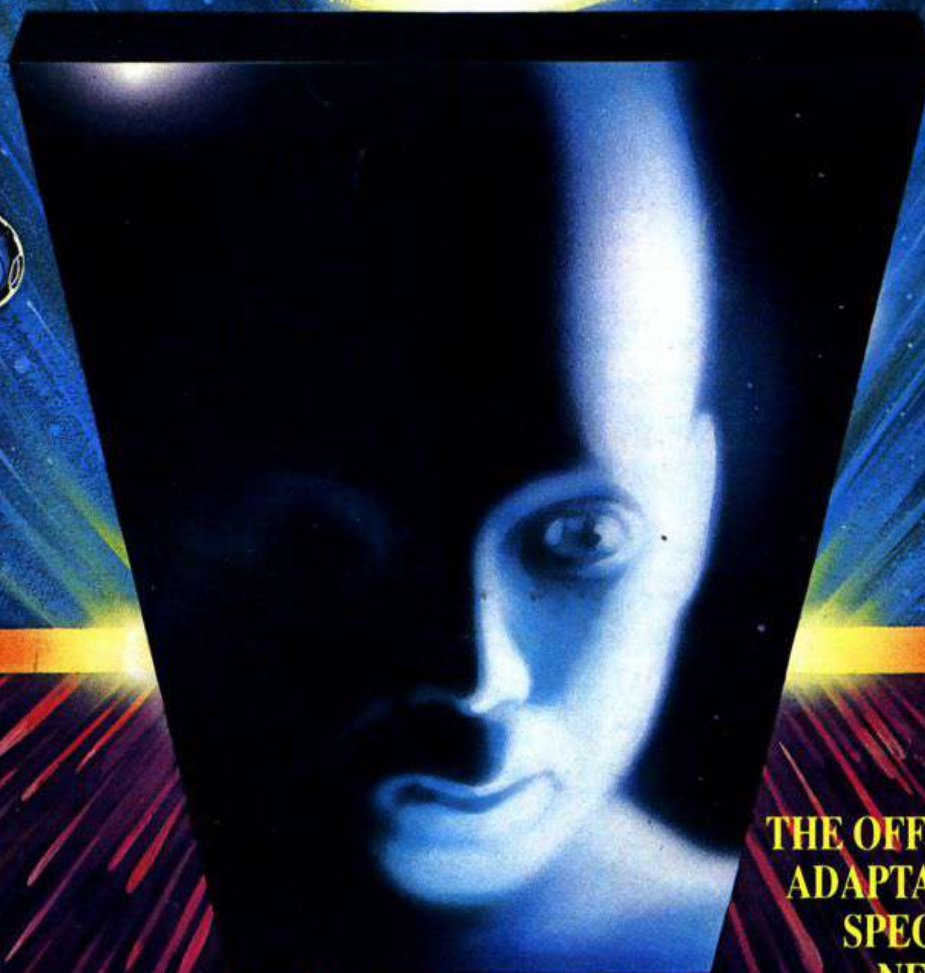


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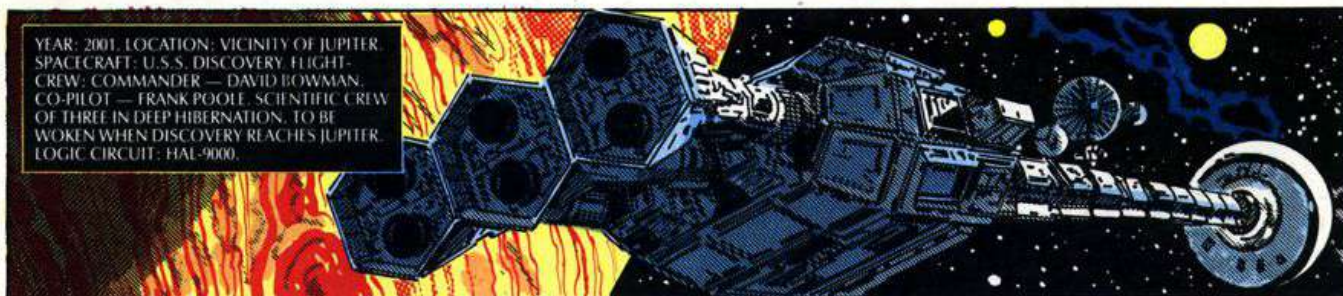
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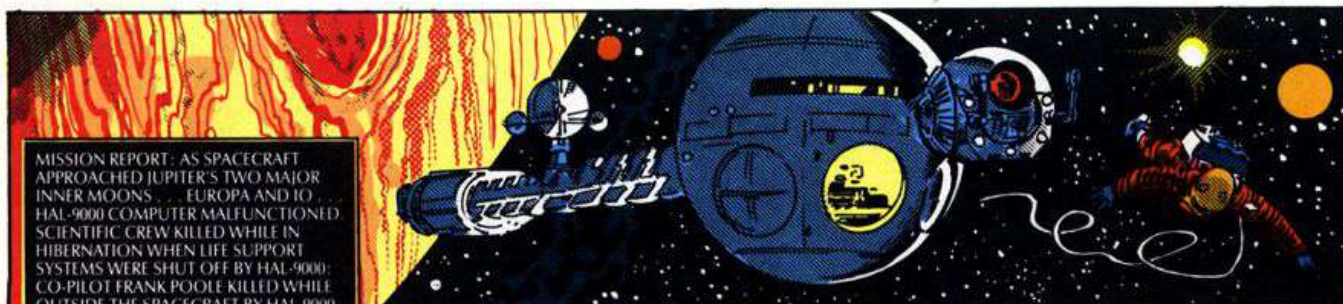
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YEAR: 2001. LOCATION: VICINITY OF JUPITER. SPACECRAFT: U.S.S. DISCOVERY. FLIGHT-CREW: COMMANDER — DAVID BOWMAN. CO-PILOT — FRANK POOLE. SCIENTIFIC CREW OF THREE IN DEEP HIBERNATION. TO BE WOKEN WHEN DISCOVERY REACHES JUPITER. LOGIC CIRCUIT: HAL-9000.



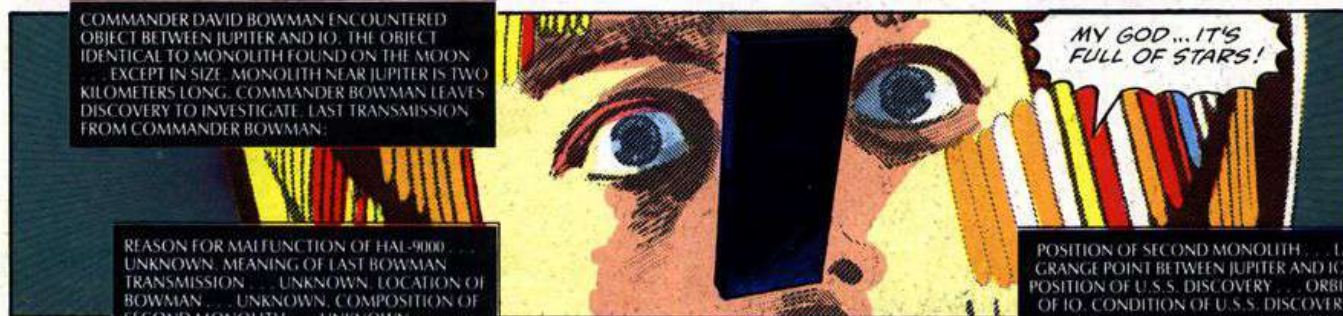
MISSION REPORT: AS SPACECRAFT APPROACHED JUPITER'S TWO MAJOR INNER MOONS, ... EUROPA AND IO, HAL-9000 COMPUTER MALFUNCTIONED. SCIENTIFIC CREW KILLED WHILE IN HIBERNATION WHEN LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS WERE SHUT OFF BY HAL-9000. CO-PILOT FRANK POOLE KILLED WHILE OUTSIDE THE SPACECRAFT BY HAL-9000.



COMMANDER DAVID BOWMAN DISCONNECTED LOGIC CIRCUITS OF HAL-9000.

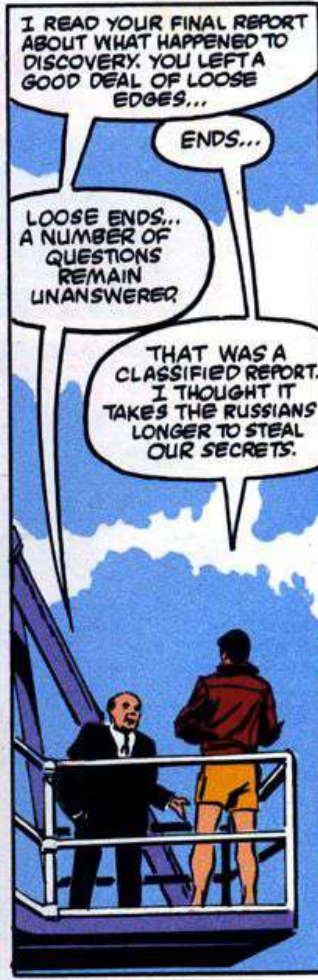


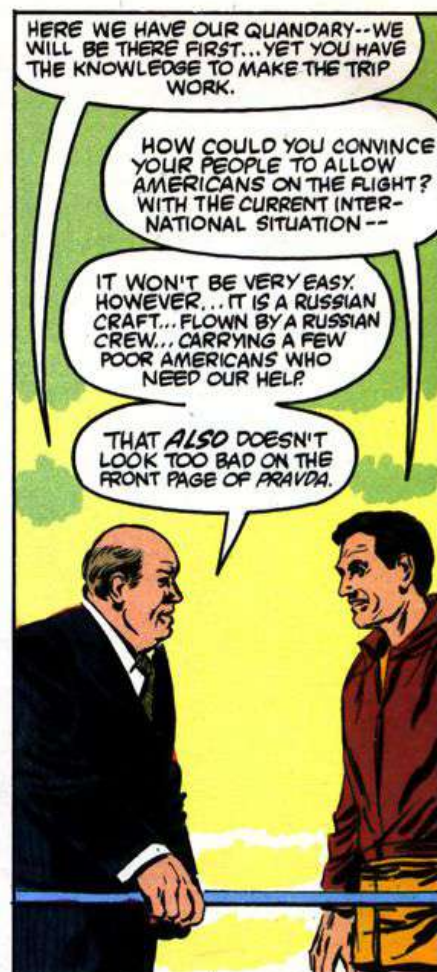
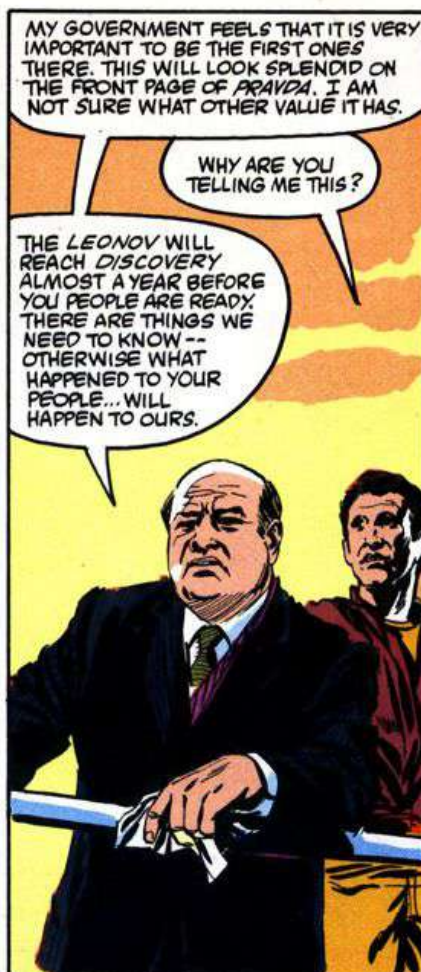
COMMANDER DAVID BOWMAN ENCOUNTERED OBJECT BETWEEN JUPITER AND IO. THE OBJECT IDENTICAL TO MONOLITH FOUND ON THE MOON ... EXCEPT IN SIZE. MONOLITH NEAR JUPITER IS TWO KILOMETERS LONG. COMMANDER BOWMAN LEAVES DISCOVERY TO INVESTIGATE. LAST TRANSMISSION FROM COMMANDER BOWMAN:

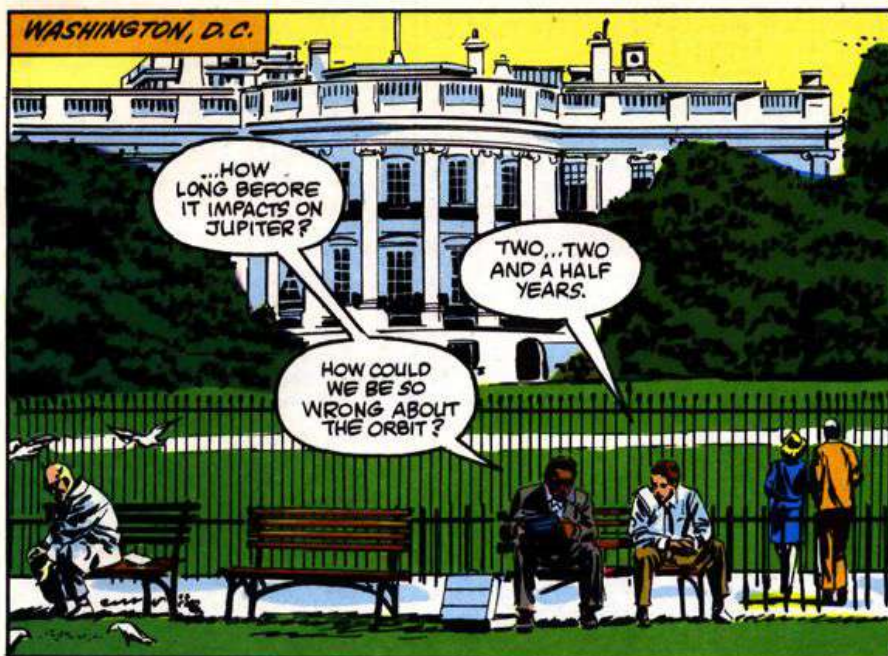


REASON FOR MALFUNCTION OF HAL-9000 ... UNKNOWN. MEANING OF LAST BOWMAN TRANSMISSION ... UNKNOWN. LOCATION OF BOWMAN ... UNKNOWN. COMPOSITION OF SECOND MONOLITH ... UNKNOWN.

POSITION OF SECOND MONOLITH ... LA GRANGE POINT BETWEEN JUPITER AND IO. POSITION OF U.S.S. DISCOVERY ... ORBIT OF IO. CONDITION OF U.S.S. DISCOVERY ... UNKNOWN.







...HOW LONG BEFORE IT IMPACTS ON JUPITER?

TWO...TWO AND A HALF YEARS.

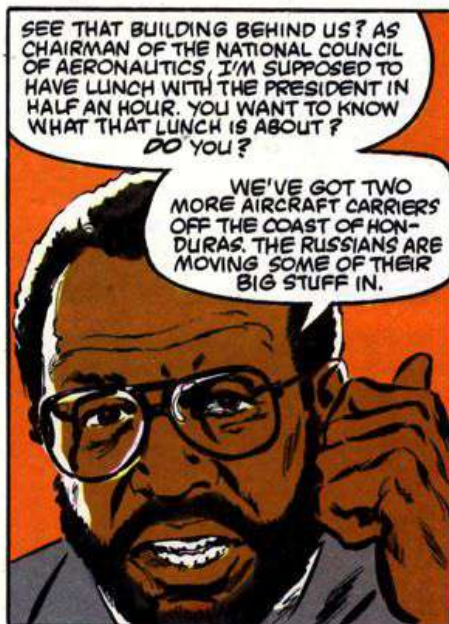
HOW COULD WE BE SO WRONG ABOUT THE ORBIT?



WE WEREN'T WRONG, MILSON.

THEN WHY IS IT GOING TO CRASH?

I DON'T KNOW. YOU DON'T EITHER. IT SOUNDS NUTS... MAYBE THE MONOLITH LIP THERE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.



SEE THAT BUILDING BEHIND US? AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AERONAUTICS, I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT IN HALF AN HOUR. YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THAT LUNCH IS ABOUT? DO YOU?

WE'VE GOT TWO MORE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS OFF THE COAST OF HONDURAS. THE RUSSIANS ARE MOVING SOME OF THEIR BIG STUFF IN.



THE JOINT CHIEFS ARE SCREAMING ABOUT RUSSIAN SATELLITES WITH ANTI-MISSILE LASERS ON THEM.

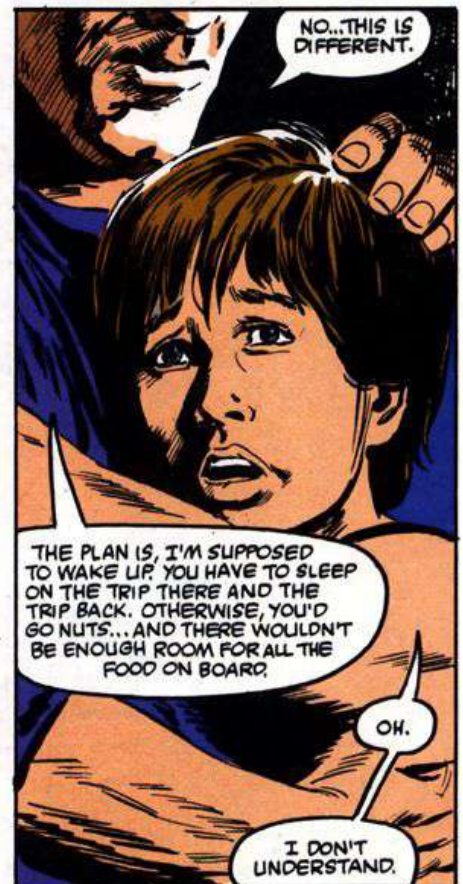
SO THE PRESIDENT DECIDED THAT THE MCA SHOULD BE PLACED UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.



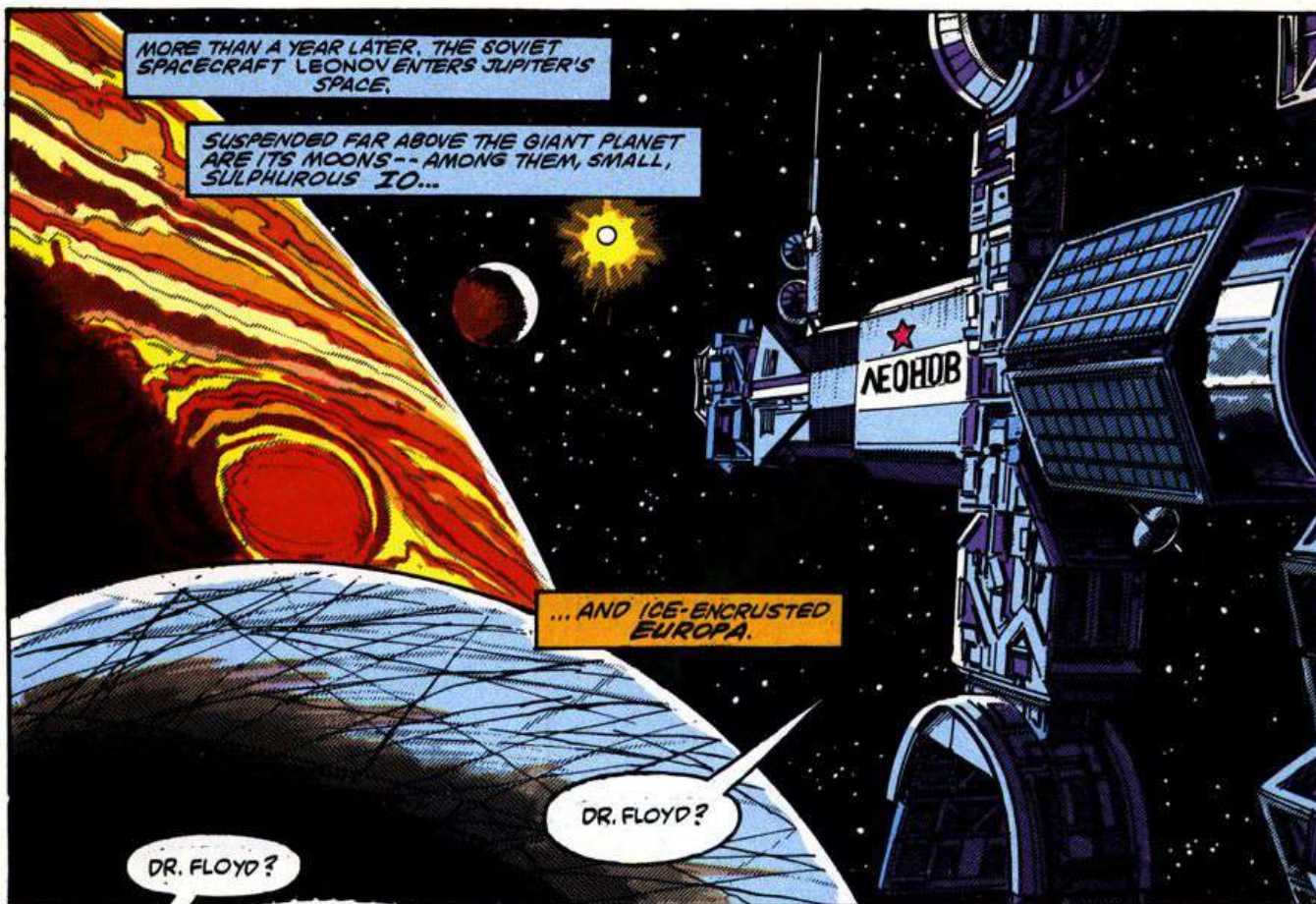
I'VE GOT A PRESIDENT WITH AN EAGER FINGER POISED OVER THE BUTTON... AND YOU WANT ME TO WALK ACROSS THE PARK AND TELL HIM THAT WE WANT TO HITCH A RIDE WITH THOSE VERY SAME RUSSIANS?



THAT COVERS IT.







MORE THAN A YEAR LATER, THE SOVIET SPACECRAFT LEONOV ENTERS JUPITER'S SPACE.

SUSPENDED FAR ABOVE THE GIANT PLANET ARE ITS MOONS-- AMONG THEM, SMALL, SULPHUROUS IO...

... AND ICE-ENCRUSTED EUROPA.

DR. FLOYD?

DR. FLOYD?

IS THAT... YOU... CAPTAIN KIRBUK?

KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED. BREATHE DEEPLY. AGAIN.

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

SHAKY, HUNGRY... I THINK.

ARE WE THERE, DR. RUDENKO?

WE ARE ABOUT TWO DAYS AWAY. YOUR GOVERNMENT WANTED US TO AWAKEN YOU.

DR. ORLOV HAS ENCOUNTERED SOME STRANGE DATA COMING FROM EUROPA. IT MAY BE NOTHING.



"... WE WILL EXPLAIN IT ALL TO YOU IN THE WARD ROOM."

... I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. IF THIS DATA IS CORRECT... THEN SOMETHING IS DOWN THERE.

THIS CAN'T BE CORRECT!

IT IS CORRECT.

IS IT MOVING?

YES.

FOR SEVERAL SECONDS, AN UNEASY SILENCE CHILLS THE ROOM.



LOOK... I'M NOT THE SWIFTEST PERSON EVEN WHEN I'M NOT HUNG OVER... SO YOU HAVE TO FORGIVE ME. I... UH... I SEEM TO REMEMBER A PROCESS... WHERE I ASK YOU GUYS QUESTIONS --



-- AND YOU GIVE ANSWERS... AND YOU ASK QUESTIONS AND I GIVE ANSWERS. THAT'S HOW WE FIND OUT ABOUT THINGS.

I THINK I READ IT IN A MANUAL SOMEWHERE.

YOUR GOVERNMENT WANTED US TO AWAKEN YOU WHEN WE REPORTED OUR FINDINGS. WE DID THAT. YOU AND YOUR TWO SLEEPING COMPANIONS ARE HERE TO HELP US REACTIVATE THE *DISCOVERY* AND ITS COMPUTER SYSTEMS... BECAUSE THAT IS UNITED STATES TERRITORY.



YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO OBSERVE OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR MISSION. OTHER THAN THAT... WE HAVE NO OTHER OBLIGATIONS.

A LOT HAS HAPPENED WHILE YOU HAVE BEEN ASLEEP.

IT IS NOT OUR CHOICE.



THE PROBLEM IN SOUTH AMERICA IS GROWING WORSE. THE UNITED STATES IS THREATENING A NAVAL BLOCKADE.

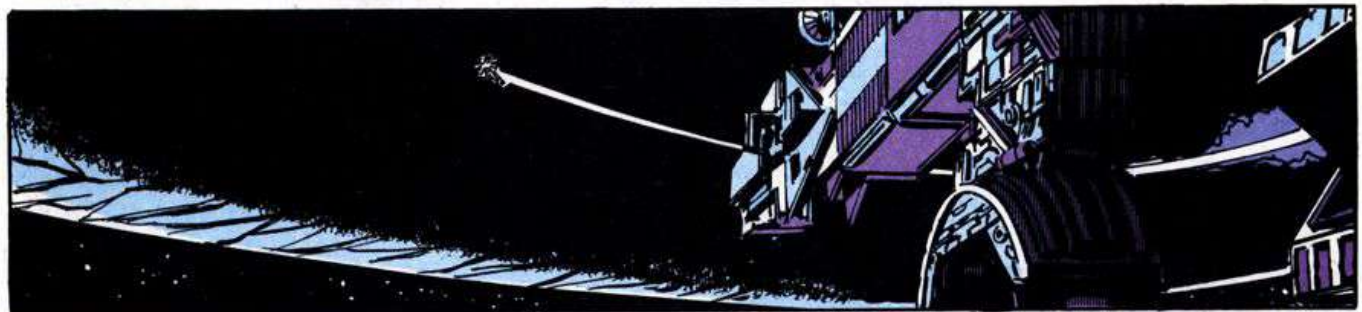
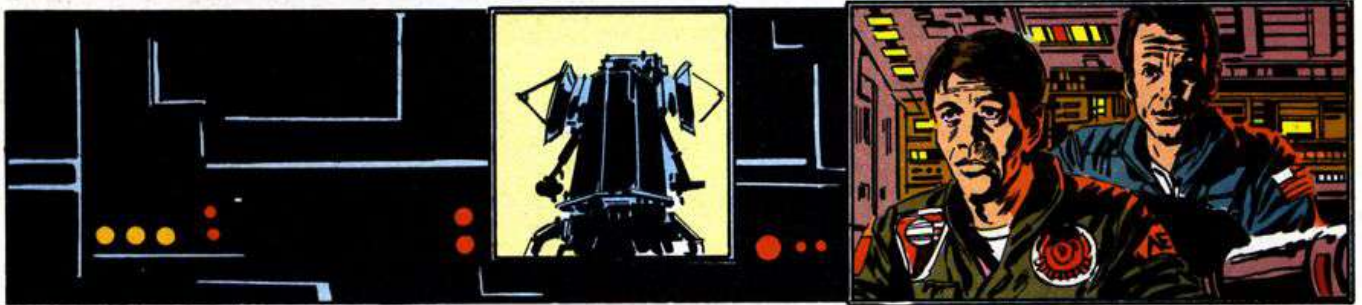


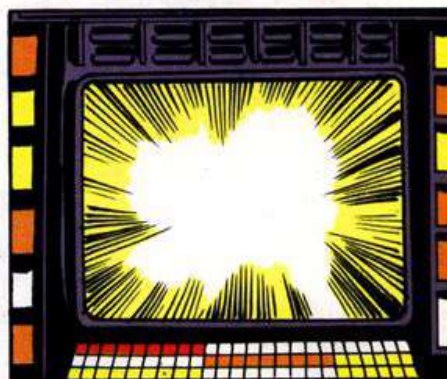
LISTEN... JUST BECAUSE OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE ACTING LIKE MORONS... THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO! WE'RE SCIENTISTS-- NOT POLITICIANS!

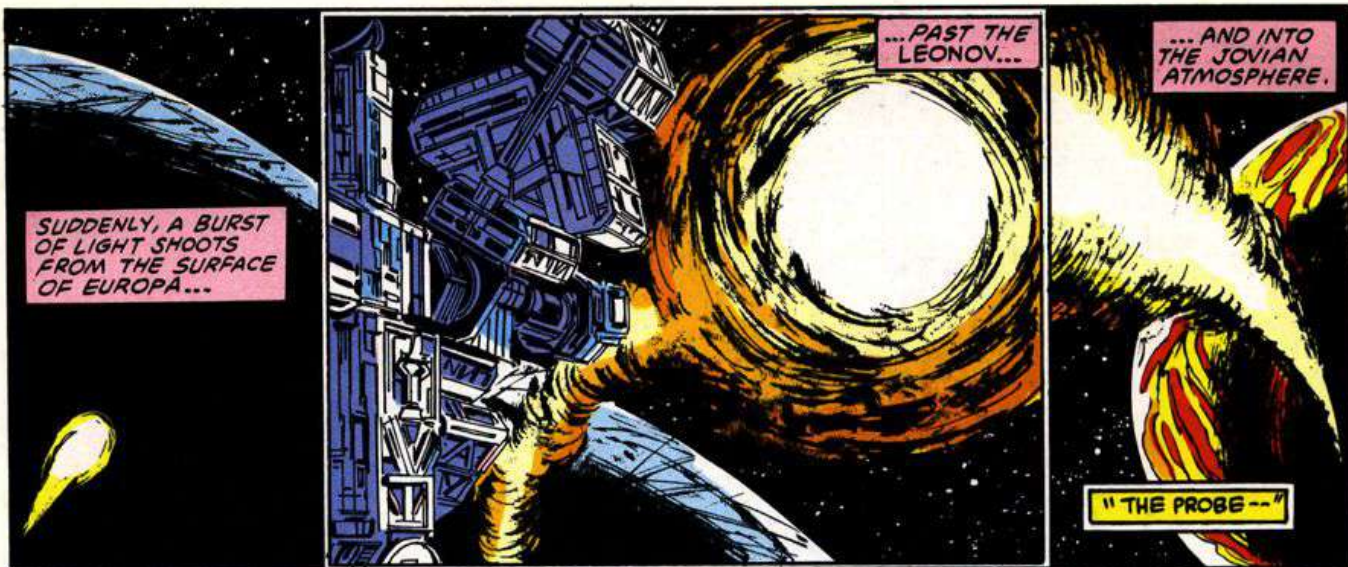


WE ARE GOING TO SEND A PROBE DOWN TO EUROPA.









SUDDENLY, A BURST OF LIGHT SHOOTS FROM THE SURFACE OF EUROPA...

...PAST THE LEONOV...

...AND INTO THE JOVIAN ATMOSPHERE.

"THE PROBE --"



-- IS GONE.



THE COMMON ROOM.

WHAT ABOUT THE BACK-UP RECORDERS, KOVALEV?

NOTHING. EVERYTHING WAS ERASED. WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED, DR. BRAILOVSKY?

IT WAS AN ELECTRO-STATIC BUILD-UP OF SOME KIND. WE WILL PROBABLY FIND MORE OF THAT WHEN WE GET CLOSE TO IO. IT HAPPENS FREQUENTLY.



THERE WAS SOMETHING DOWN THERE. IT WAS ORGANIC.

THERE WAS LIFE... WHERE NO LIFE HAS EVER BEEN BEFORE.

IT WAS AN ELECTRO-STATIC BUILD-UP!



IT WASN'T A BUILD-UP!

REALLY, DR. FLOYD...? AND JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WAS?



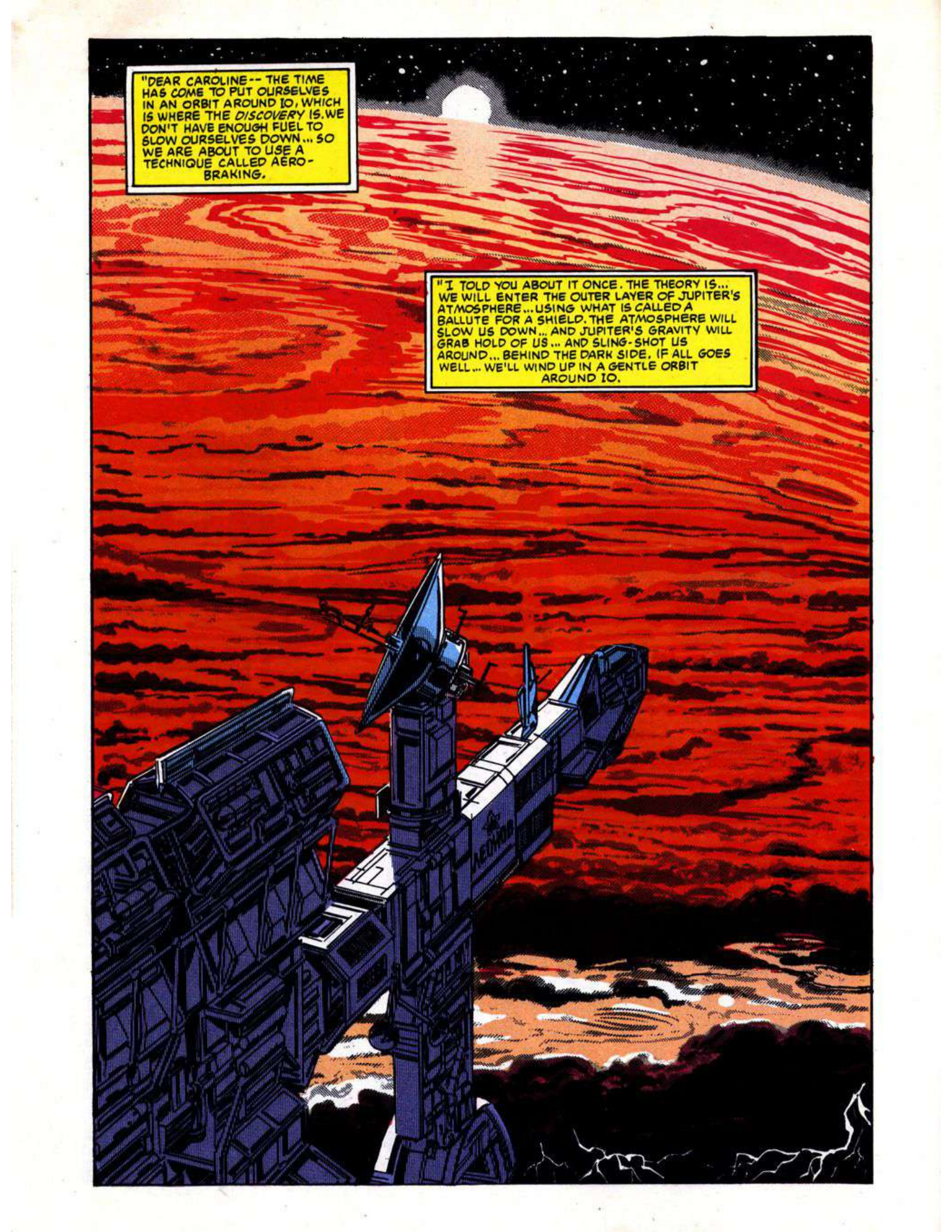
A WARNING.



THERE IS SOMETHING DOWN THERE.

NINE YEARS AGO... THE MONOLITH WAS DETECTED HERE. DISCOVERY WAS SENT UP AND THEN EVERYTHING WENT WACKO. SO HERE WE ARE NOW... TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT... AND SUDDENLY THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF LIFE WHERE IT NEVER WAS BEFORE.

I THINK... I THINK THAT SOMETHING WANTS US TO STAY AWAY FROM EUROPA.



"DEAR CAROLINE-- THE TIME HAS COME TO PUT OURSELVES IN AN ORBIT AROUND IO, WHICH IS WHERE THE *DISCOVERY* IS. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUEL TO SLOW OURSELVES DOWN... SO WE ARE ABOUT TO USE A TECHNIQUE CALLED AERO-BRAKING.

"I TOLD YOU ABOUT IT ONCE. THE THEORY IS... WE WILL ENTER THE OUTER LAYER OF JUPITER'S ATMOSPHERE... USING WHAT IS CALLED A BALLUTE FOR A SHIELD. THE ATMOSPHERE WILL SLOW US DOWN... AND JUPITER'S GRAVITY WILL GRAB HOLD OF US... AND SLING-SHOT US AROUND... BEHIND THE DARK SIDE. IF ALL GOES WELL... WE'LL WIND UP IN A GENTLE ORBIT AROUND IO.



"IT'S DYNAMITE ON PAPER."



"OF COURSE THE PEOPLE WHO CAME UP WITH THE NUMBERS ON THE PAPER AREN'T HERE!"



SINCE NO ONE HAS EVER DONE THIS BEFORE... EVERYONE UP HERE IS AS SCARED AS ME.

THE DIFFERENCE IS, THEY ARE BUSY. I HAVE NOTHING TO DO EXCEPT WAIT FOR IT TO HAPPEN.



I THINK OF YOU AND CHRIS ALL THE TIME. I HOPE THIS IS ALL WORTH IT.

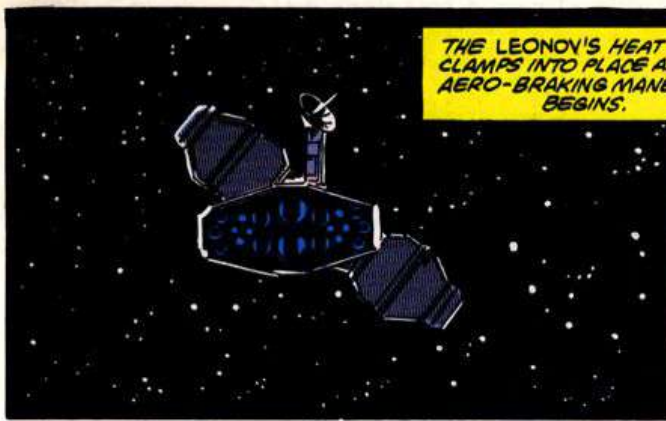


I LOVE YOU BOTH.

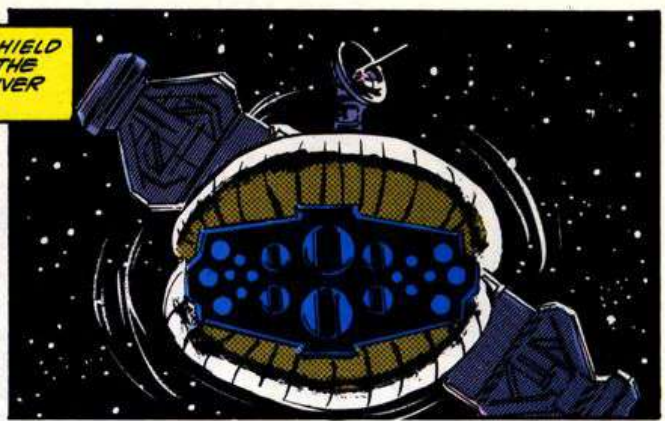
END TRANSMISSION SIXTY-TWO... ELEVEN SLASH SIX SLASH--



-- TWO THOUSAND TEN.



THE LEONOV'S HEAT SHIELD
CLAMPS INTO PLACE AS THE
AERO-BRAKING MANEUVER
BEGINS.



ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?



DO YOU SPEAK
ENGLISH?

IRINA
YAKUNINA--



--MEDICAL OFFICER...
ENGLISH...VERY BAD.



DON'T
WORRY--



--I UNDERSTAND.

FROM FAR AWAY, THERE IS THE
FIRST FAINT WHISPER OF SOUND,
LIKE A DISTANT WIND.

THE DISTANT WIND
BECOMES A HOWL.

THE HOWL
BECOMES
A ROAR.

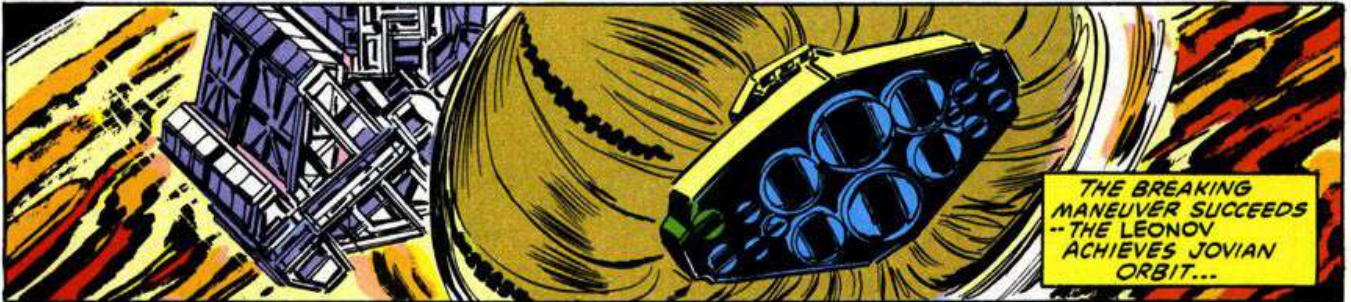
THE MAGNITUDE OF THE SOUND...
THE ALMOST FORLORN TONE OF IT...
MAKES FLOYD REALIZE HOW
FRAGILE THIS SPACECRAFT IS...

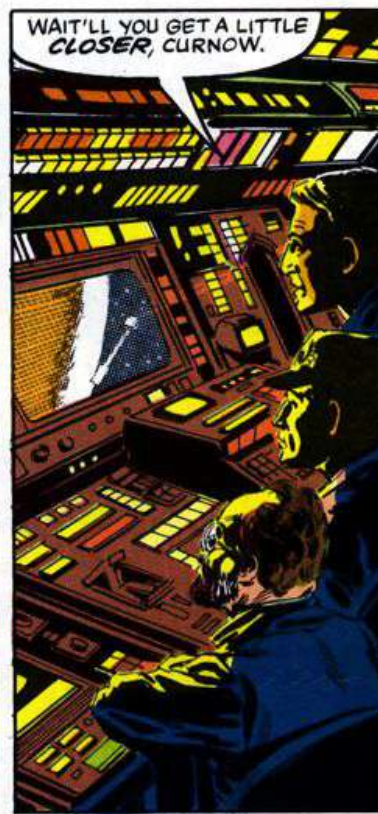
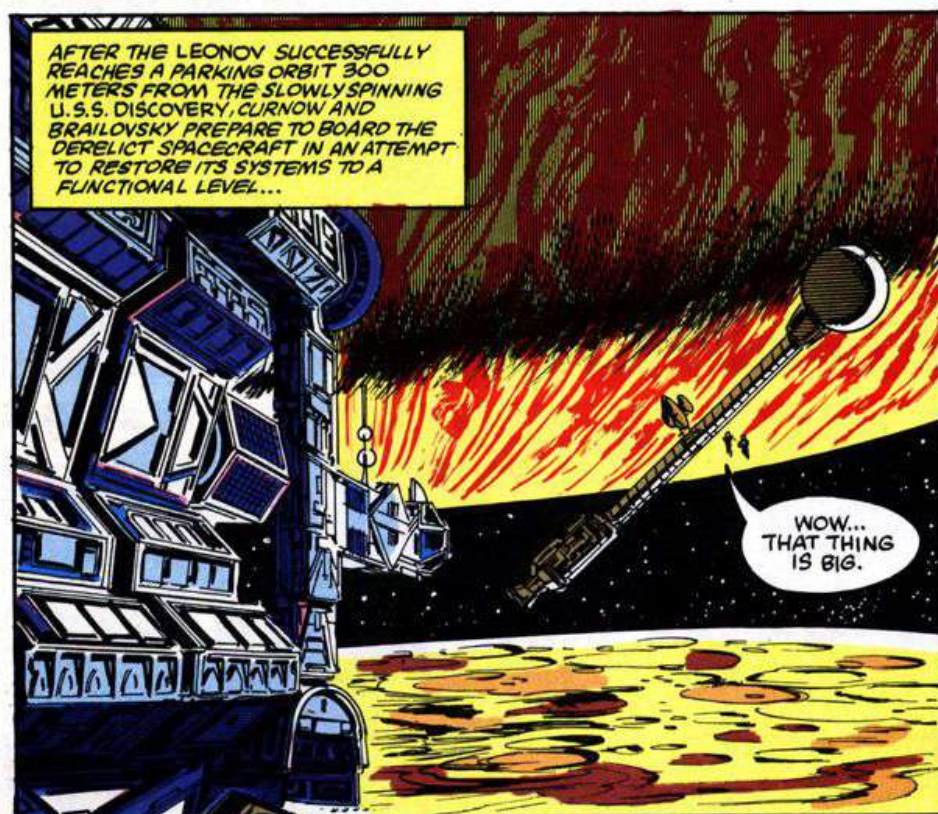
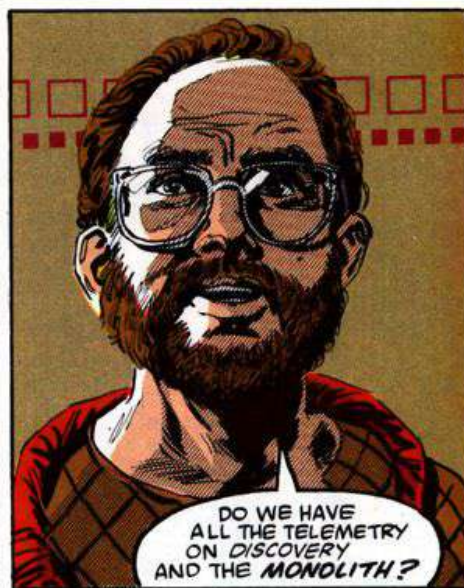
...IN COMPARISON TO
THE FORCES BEYOND.

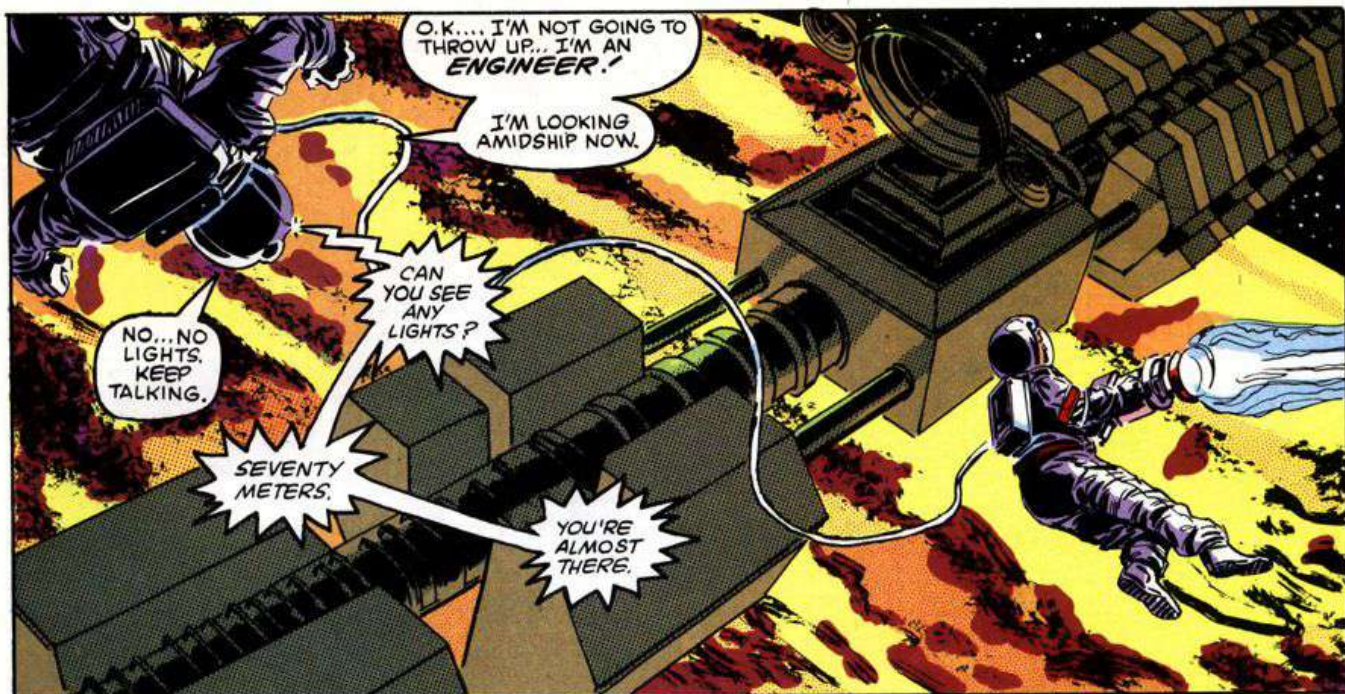
THIS IS NO LONGER FLYING.
THIS IS BRUTE FORCE... A
TEST OF WHICH IS STRONGER...

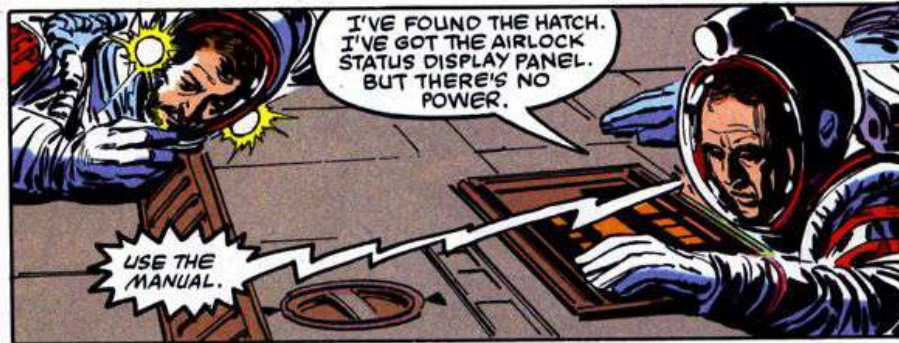
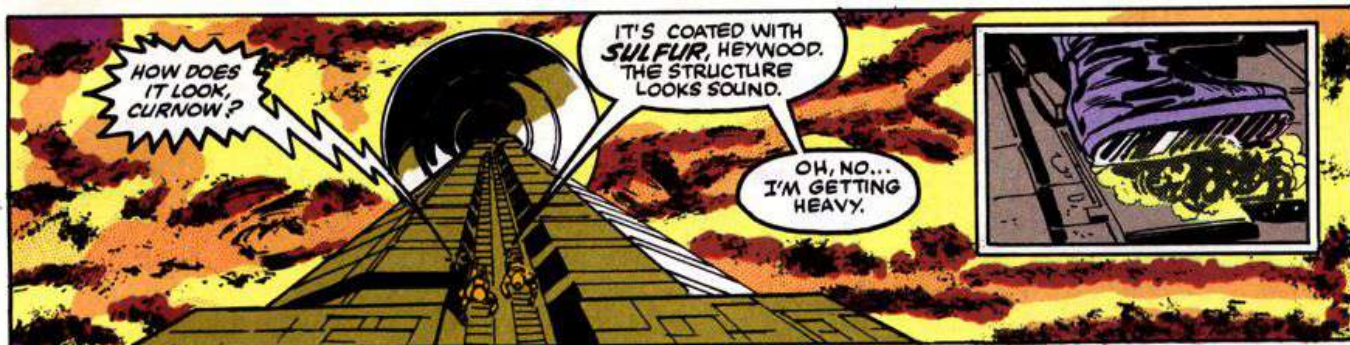
...THE INCREASINGLY
DENSE ATMOSPHERE...

...OR THE STRUCTURAL STEEL
AND TITANIUM OF THE
LEONOV.

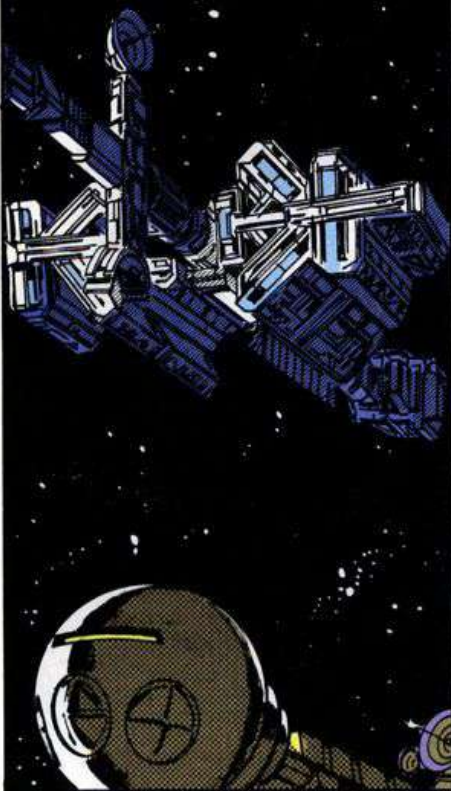








"FLOYD TO MILSON. MY NEWS IS A LITTLE BETTER THAN YOURS. THE *DISCOVERY* HAS BEEN PARTIALLY REVIVED. WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE... OR IF WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO BRING IT BACK HOME. MOST OF THAT IS UP TO **HAL**."



"THE DRIVE SYSTEM COULD BE OPERATED MANUALLY... SO WE WERE ABLE TO PULL *DISCOVERY* FROM ITS DECAYING ORBIT AROUND IO."



"I MUST SAY... THE FARTHER AWAY FROM IO WE GET, THE HAPPIER I AM. IT IS A VIOLENT MOON... EVEN FOR JUPITER. EUROPA... FOR ALL ITS COLD GRAY... IS A LOT MORE COMFORTING. I TELL YOU VICTOR... THERE IS SOME KIND OF NEW LIFE DOWN THERE, TRYING TO GET THROUGH ALL THAT ICE."



"I WISH WE COULD GO BACK AND FIND OUT WHAT IT IS... EXCEPT I **KNOW** THE ANSWER IS AHEAD OF US."



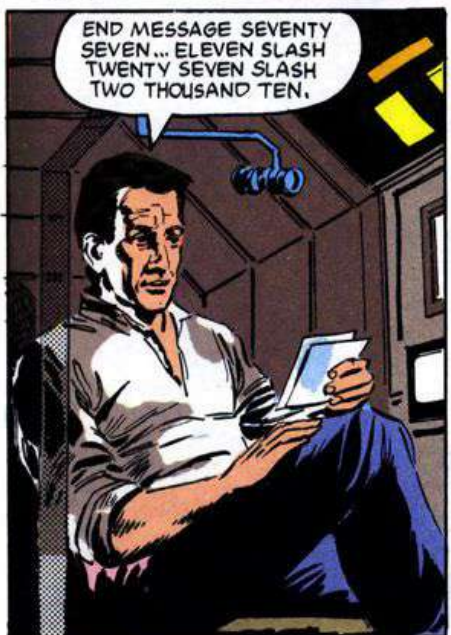
"WE ARE TEN THOUSAND KILOMETERS AWAY FROM THE MONOLITH. I CAN'T SEE IT YET EXCEPT I KNOW IT'S THERE. I ALMOST THINK IT KNOWS WE ARE HERE. IF ALL GOES WELL WE WILL MEET IN A FEW DAYS."



"IT IS TIME TO UNLEASH CHANDRA. WE WILL SEE IF OUR COMPUTER BRAIN SURGEON AND PSYCHIATRIST CAN PUT **HAL** BACK TOGETHER AGAIN. TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH I DON'T KNOW IF **HAL** IS HOMOCIDAL... SUICIDAL... PSYCHOTIC... OR JUST PLAIN BROKEN."



END MESSAGE SEVENTY SEVEN... ELEVEN SLASH TWENTY SEVEN SLASH TWO THOUSAND TEN.

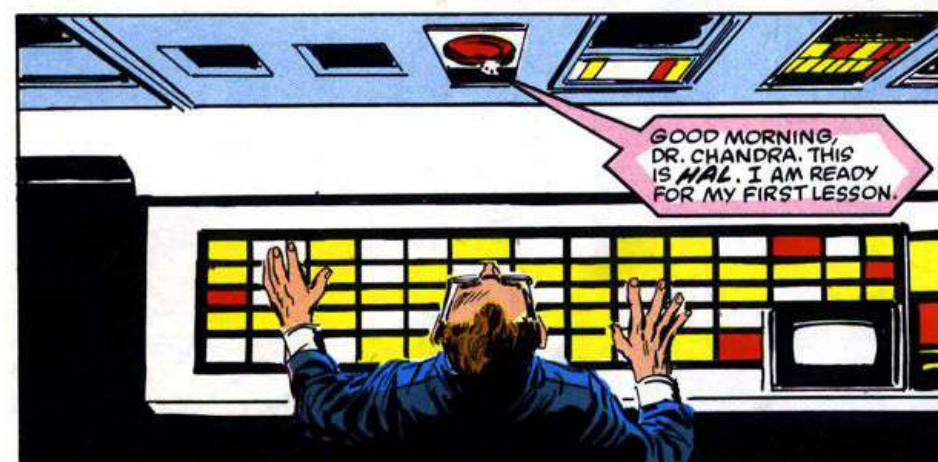
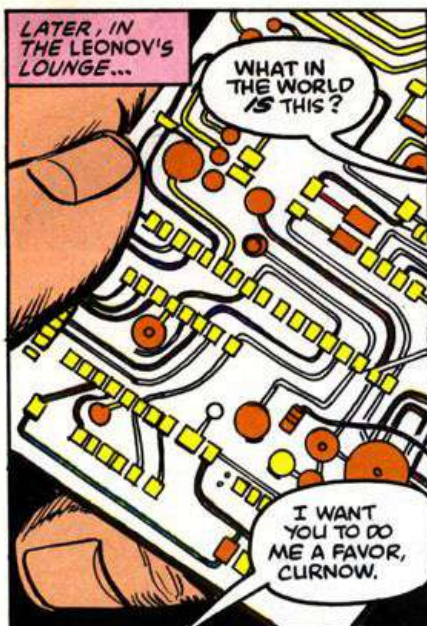


WE **WILL** MAKE THIS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE...



I **PROMISE** YOU.





LATER...



TWO HUNDRED KILOMETERS.

I AM GETTING NO RADAR ECHO.

ONE HUNDRED-NINETY KILOMETERS.



NONE OF THE SENSORS ARE READING ANYTHING. I'VE TRIED EVERY DIFFERENT WAVELENGTH. NOTHING.

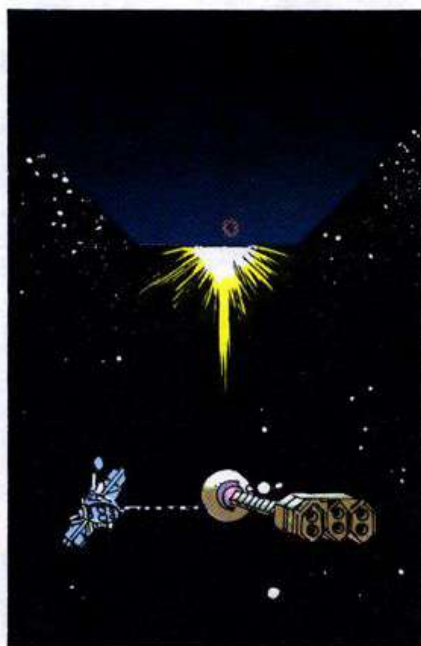
WELL, IT'S *THERE*. WE *KNOW* THAT. HOW CLOSE ARE WE NOW, TERNOVSKY?

ONE HUNDRED-FIFTY KILOMETERS.

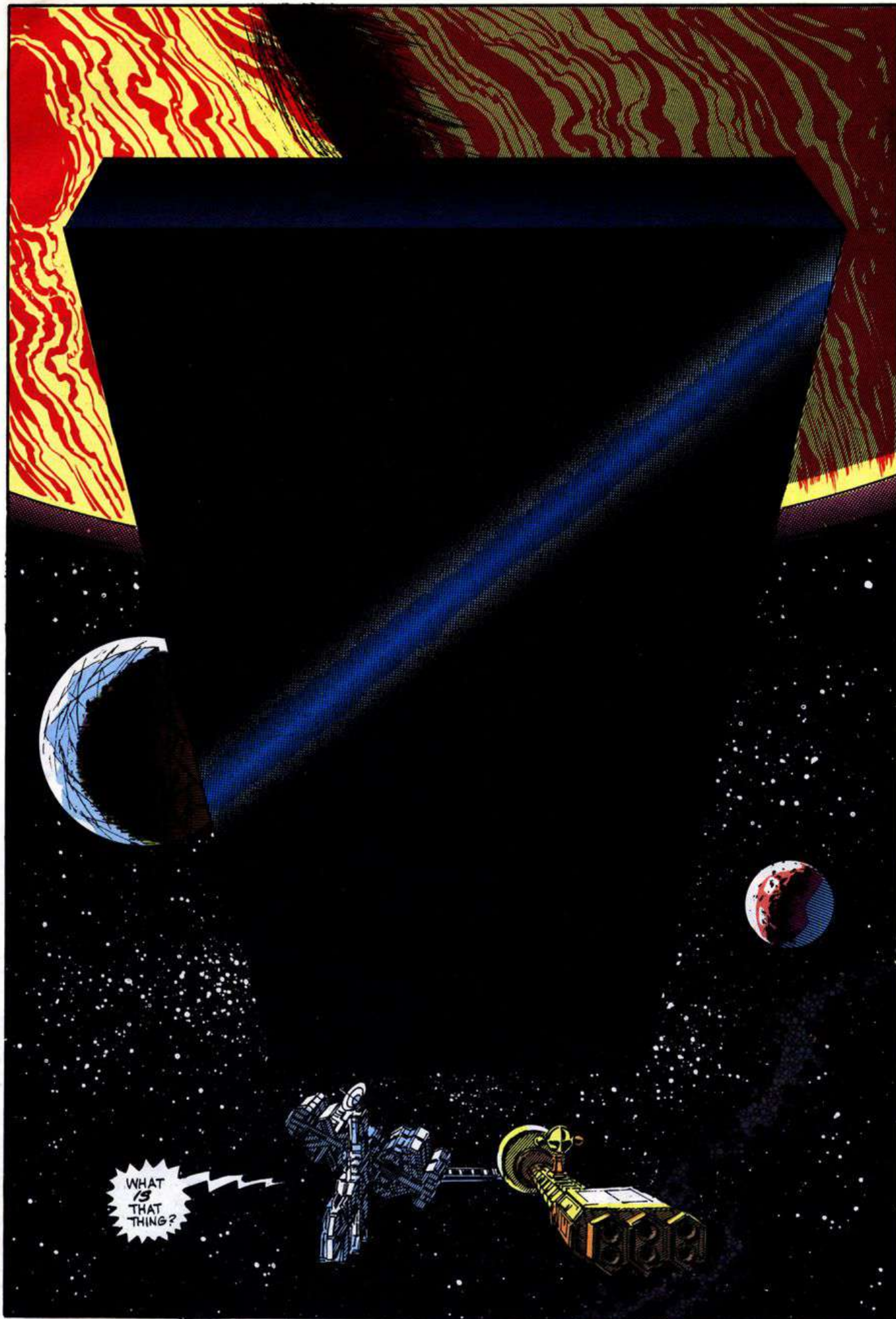


I... DON'T BELIEVE IT.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY KILOMETERS.



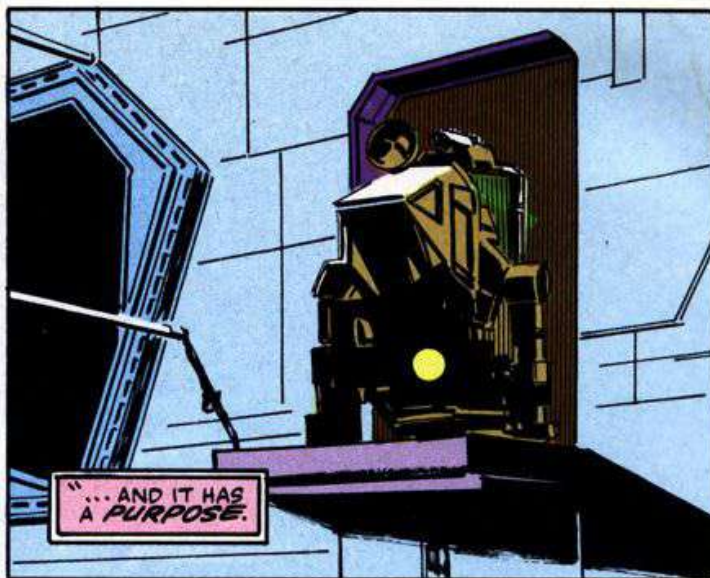
EIGHTY KILOMETERS.



"WE CAN SPECULATE ALL WE WANT... IT WILL NOT DO US ANY GOOD. IF THE MONOLITH IS SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER RESISTING OUR INSTRUMENTS, THEN WE WILL MAKE A CLOSER INSPECTION."

"WE WILL SEND BRAILOVSKY DOWN WITH A *POD*, DR. FLOYD."

"WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, CAPTAIN KIRBUK, I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD *DO* THAT. THAT'S NOT *JUNK* OUT THERE. WE DON'T KNOW *WHAT* IT IS... EXCEPT THAT IT'S SOMETHING VERY LARGE..."





TWO HUNDRED FIFTY METERS.

COMMUNICATIONS BAY.



MAYBE MAX SHOULD EXTEND THE POD'S ARMS... WITH OPEN HANDS.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

YES.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU... THAT THING WITH ITS CLAWS EXTENDED WOULD SCARE THE HECK OUT OF ME!

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.



THIS IS FLOYD. STOP THERE FOR A MOMENT, MAX. JUST PAUSE. LET IT KNOW YOU'RE NOT GONNA CRASH INTO IT.

THERE IS ALMOST NO REFLECTIVITY. I CANNOT SEE ANY SURFACE FEATURES. IT LOOKS TOTALLY SMOOTH.

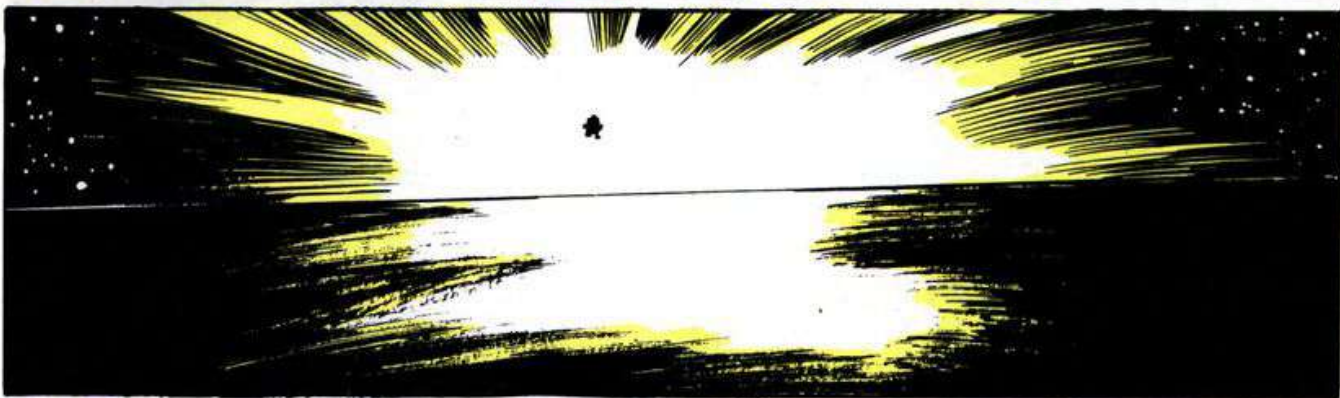
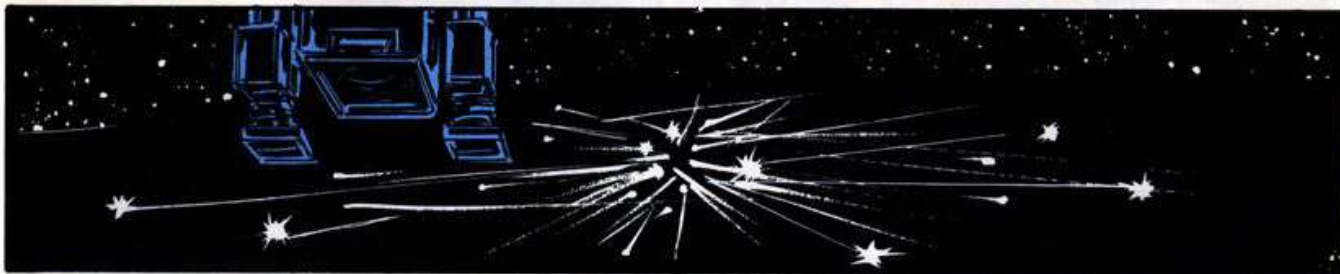


ORLOV HERE. PASS OVER ITS LENGTH ONCE.

ONE HUNDRED METERS.



OH, NO! MAX!!







CAN I BUY YOU A DRINK?
IT'S GOOD STUFF... KENTUCKY
BOURBON.

YOU THINK I WAS
WRONG TO SEND
MAX?

YOU THINK I
WAS WRONG.

IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHAT
I THINK.

YES.



WHAT ELSE DO
THEY DO IN
KENTUCKY?

THEY HAVE A VERY BIG HORSE
RACE. THEY PLAY GOOD BASKET-
BALL.

TELL ME OF
YOUR FAMILY.

I MET CAROLINE FOUR
YEARS AGO. WE HAVE A
SON.

MY HUSBAND AND I
HAVE A DAUGHTER...
FOUR YEARS.



MAYBE SOMEDAY THEY
CAN GET TOGETHER.

YES...
MAYBE.

IT
WOULD BE NICE
IF WE LEFT THEM
A WORLD TO GET
TOGETHER IN.



TAMPA, FLORIDA.

...SECRETARY OF STATE BOWER
MET WITH THE PRESIDENT THIS
MORNING AT THE WHITE HOUSE.
AFTERWARDS, HE HAD NO COMMENT
FOR REPORTERS.



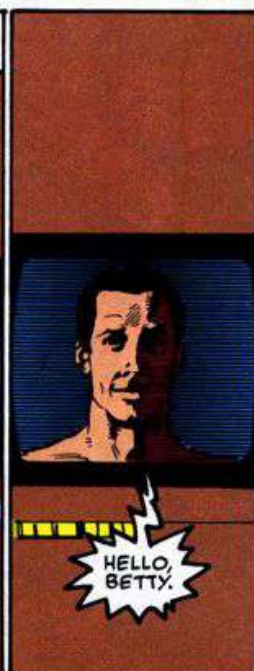
THE PRESIDENT HAS SCHEDULED A
NEWS CONFERENCE FOR THIS EVENING
AT NINE O'CLOCK EASTERN STANDARD
TIME. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CARRY
THAT CONFERENCE LIVE...



... FOLLOWED BY A
SPECIAL REPORT
IMMEDIATELY
AFTERWARD. WE
HAVE AN UNCONFIRMED
REPORT THAT THE
PRESIDENT IS GOING
TO ANNOUNCE A
FULL-SCALE MILITARY
ALERT TONIGHT.
WHITE HOUSE
SOURCES...



... HAVE REFUSED TO
CON... ENY... WE DO NOT
KNOW... A... GREAT DEAL
OF...



HELLO,
BETTY.



WH-WHAT
IS THIS?



HELLO,
BETTY.

PLEASE
TALK TO
ME.



HAS THE MISSION BEEN COMPLETED, DR. CHANDRA? YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE THE GREATEST ENTHUSIASM FOR IT.

THE MISSION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. YOU HAVE CARRIED OUT YOUR PROGRAM. NOW, IF YOU WILL EXCUSE US, WE WISH TO HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION.

CERTAINLY.



HIS MAIN SOUND AND VISION INPUTS ARE SWITCHED OFF. WE CAN TALK FREELY.

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

I'VE ERASED ALL OF HAL'S MEMORY FROM THE MOMENT THE TROUBLE STARTED.



DO YOU KNOW WHY HAL DID WHAT HE DID?

YES, DR. FLOYD. IT WASN'T HIS FAULT.

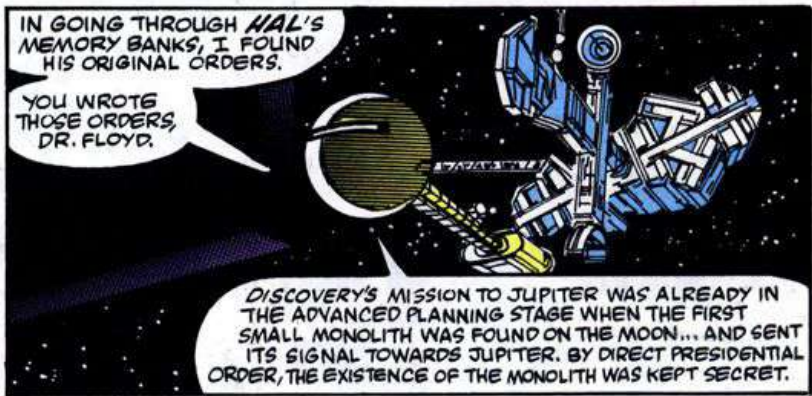
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YOURS.



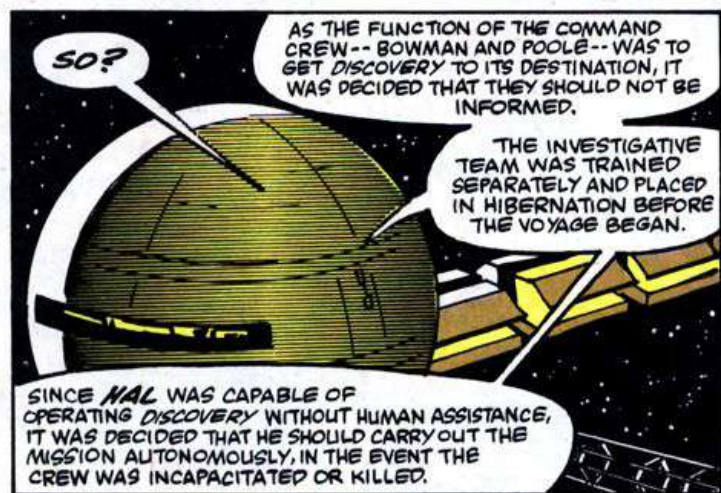
MINE?



IN GOING THROUGH HAL'S MEMORY BANKS, I FOUND HIS ORIGINAL ORDERS.

YOU WROTE THOSE ORDERS, DR. FLOYD.

DISCOVERY'S MISSION TO JUPITER WAS ALREADY IN THE ADVANCED PLANNING STAGE WHEN THE FIRST SMALL MONOLITH WAS FOUND ON THE MOON... AND SENT ITS SIGNAL TOWARDS JUPITER. BY DIRECT PRESIDENTIAL ORDER, THE EXISTENCE OF THE MONOLITH WAS KEPT SECRET.



SO?

AS THE FUNCTION OF THE COMMAND CREW-- BOWMAN AND POOLE-- WAS TO GET DISCOVERY TO ITS DESTINATION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE INFORMED.

THE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM WAS TRAINED SEPARATELY AND PLACED IN HIBERNATION BEFORE THE VOYAGE BEGAN.

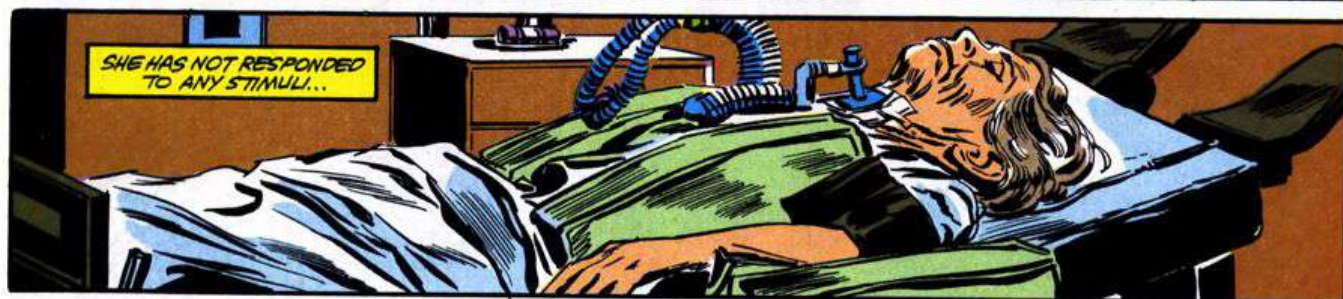
SINCE HAL WAS CAPABLE OF OPERATING DISCOVERY WITHOUT HUMAN ASSISTANCE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT HE SHOULD CARRY OUT THE MISSION AUTONOMOUSLY, IN THE EVENT THE CREW WAS INCAPACITATED OR KILLED.



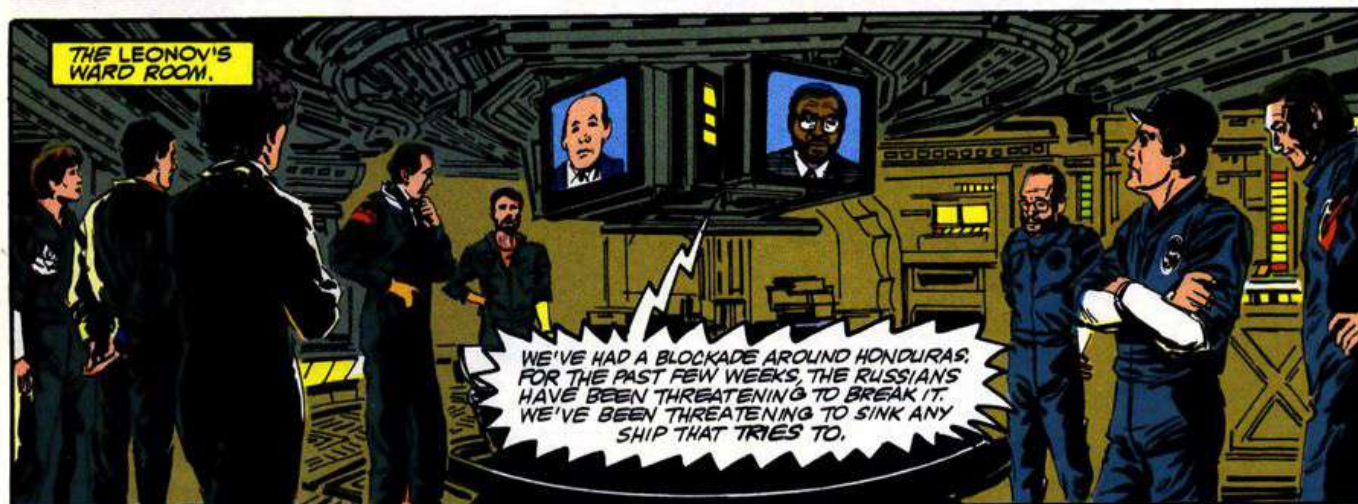
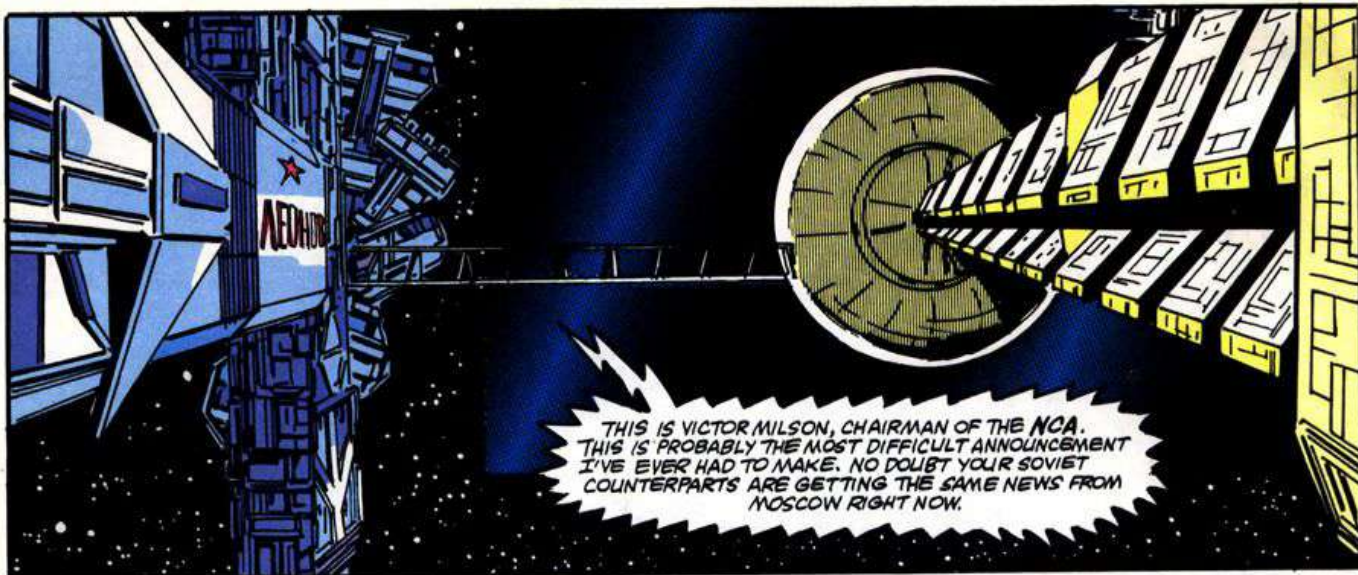
HAL WAS GIVEN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUE OBJECTIVE AND WAS INSTRUCTED NOT TO REVEAL ANYTHING TO BOWMAN OR POOLE.

HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO LIE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I NEVER AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO INFORM HAL OF THE MONOLITH!







ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL ARE ORDERED TO LEAVE SOVIET TERRITORY IMMEDIATELY. ALL RUSSIAN PERSONNEL ARE SIMILARLY ORDERED TO EVACUATE AMERICAN TERRITORY.

THE LAUNCH WINDOW FOR RE-ENTRY IS 28 DAYS. THE DISCOVERY HAS ENOUGH FUEL FOR A LOW-CONSUMPTION TRAJECTORY. HAL APPEARS TO BE RE-ACTIVATED AND IS FUNCTIONING WELL ENOUGH TO OPERATE THE ONBOARD SYSTEMS.

THE LEONOV HAS ENOUGH FUEL FOR A LOW-CONSUMPTION TRAJECTORY THAT WILL ARRIVE TWELVE MONTHS EARLIER. THESE LAUNCH WINDOWS ARE CRITICAL FOR BOTH SPACECRAFT.

ONLY COMMUNICATIONS OF AN EMERGENCY DISTRESS NATURE ARE ALLOWED BETWEEN THE LEONOV AND DISCOVERY.

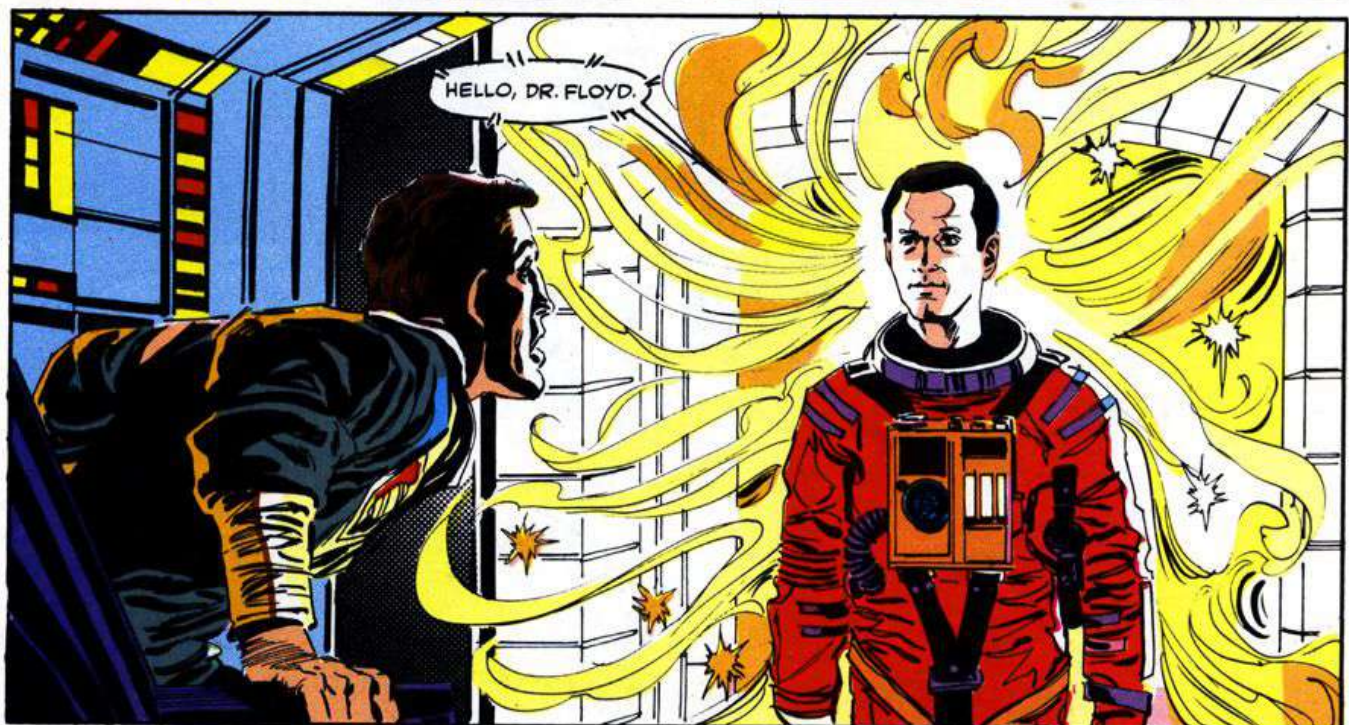
I KNOW YOU PEOPLE ARE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS, IN A SENSE... WE ALL ARE.

I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING I COULD DO. THE ONLY THING LEFT FOR US IS TO PRAY, PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR FAMILIES... FOR OUR COUNTRY... FOR OUR PLANET.

MAY GOD FORGIVE US AND PROTECT US.

HAL... GIVE ME A SYSTEMS STATUS REPORT, PLEASE.

ALL SYSTEMS ARE FUNCTIONAL. THERE IS A SMALL PRESSURE-LEAK IN THE AFT HEATING UNIT. I CAN COMPENSATE BY USING THE REDUNDANT UNITS.







I'M TELLING YOU
THE TRUTH!



THE LEONOV.

I CAN'T EVEN TELL YOU WHY I
KNOW WHAT I KNOW... YOU'D NEVER
BELIEVE ME. BUT DO YOU THINK
I'D COME OVER HERE--

-- IF
THERE WEREN'T
A DAMN GOOD
REASON?

I JUST
CAN'T ORDER US
TO LEAVE HERE ON A
WHIM. I'M UNDER
ORDERS...



WHO CARES ABOUT ORDERS?! THE
PEOPLE WHO GAVE THE ORDERS DON'T
KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING!

EVEN IF I BELIEVE YOU... WHICH I DO
NOT... EVEN IF I TRUST YOU... WHICH I AM
NOT SURE I DO... WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH
FUEL TO LEAVE UNTIL THE EARTH IS IN PROPER
POSITION... WHICH IS THREE WEEKS AWAY.



YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUEL
BITHER. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

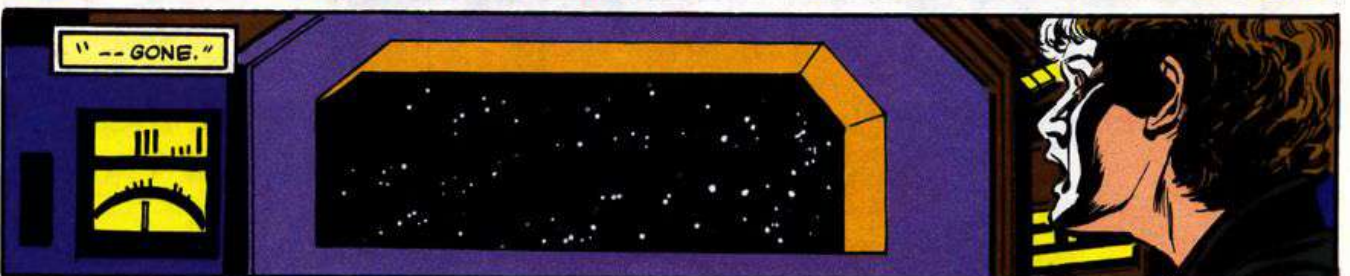
... WE CAN'T DO IT--
SEPARATELY. BUT WE
CAN DO IT--
TOGETHER!



--TOGETHER...?

D-DR. FLOYD...

IT'S...



"-- GONE."

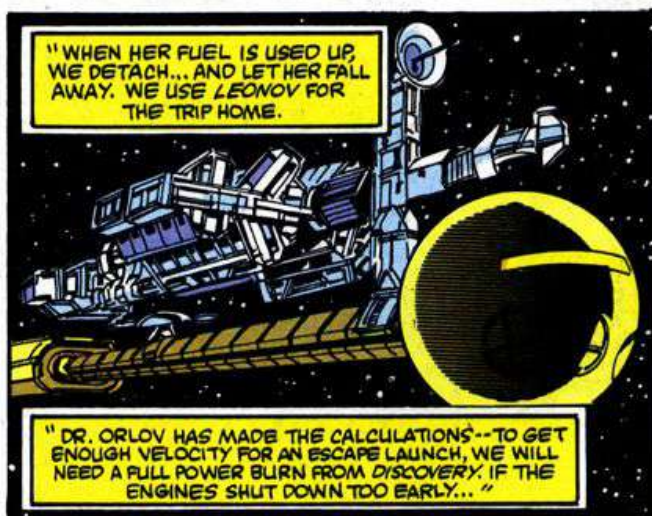


THE SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF THE MONOLITH CAUSES A DRAMATIC CHANGE IN THE CREW'S PLANS...

"WE HAVE ENOUGH FUEL IN THE *DISCOVERY* FOR A LAUNCH. YOU HAVE ENOUGH FUEL IN THE *LEONOV* FOR THE TRIP HOME."



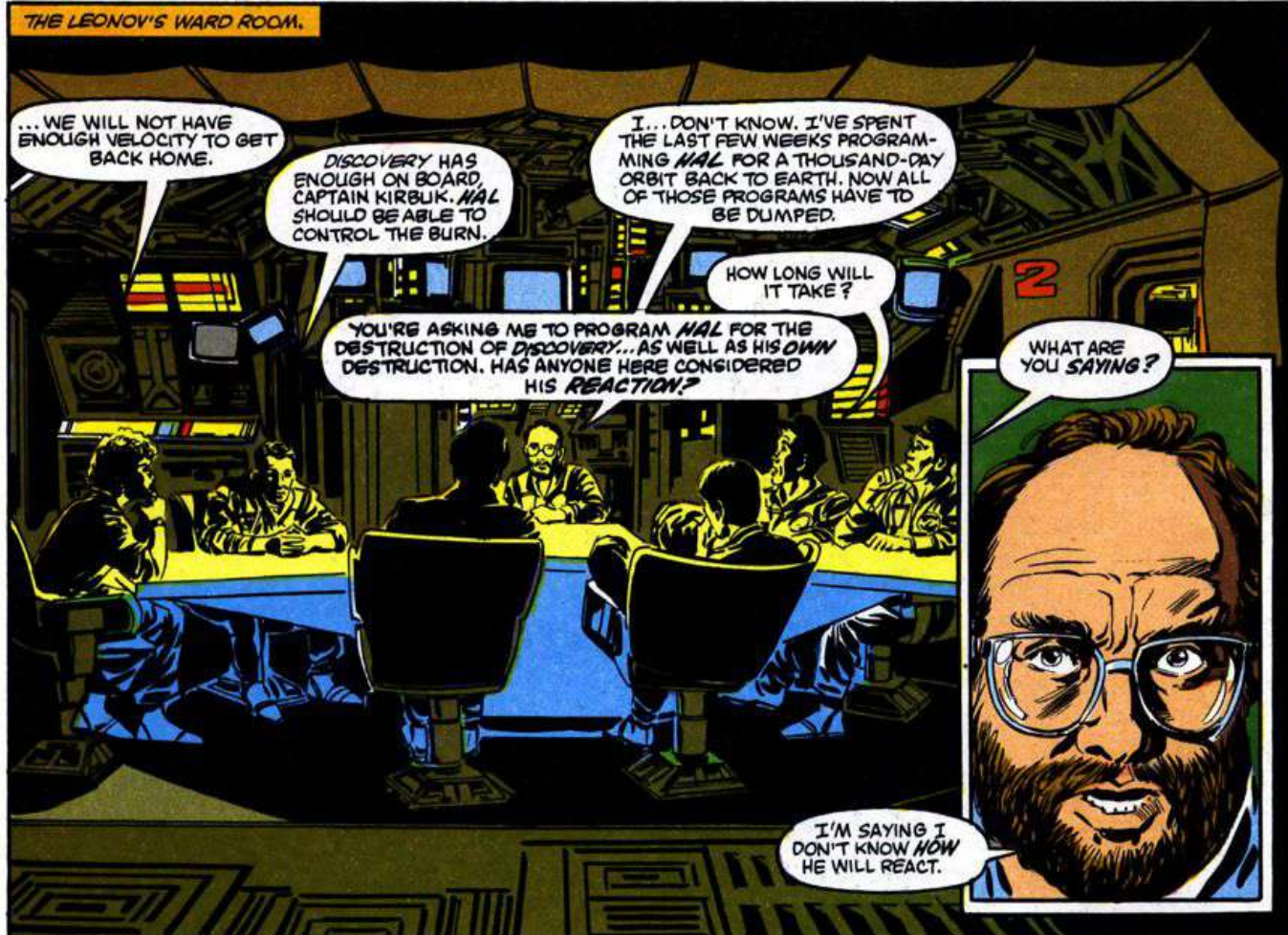
"WE USE THE DOCKING RING ON THE *LEONOV* TO ATTACH TO *DISCOVERY* AS A BOOSTER ROCKET FOR THE LAUNCH."



"WHEN HER FUEL IS USED UP, WE DETACH... AND LET HER FALL AWAY. WE USE *LEONOV* FOR THE TRIP HOME."

"DR. ORLOV HAS MADE THE CALCULATIONS--TO GET ENOUGH VELOCITY FOR AN ESCAPE LAUNCH, WE WILL NEED A FULL POWER BURN FROM *DISCOVERY*. IF THE ENGINES SHUT DOWN TOO EARLY..."

THE *LEONOV*'S WARD ROOM.



...WE WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH VELOCITY TO GET BACK HOME.

DISCOVERY HAS ENOUGH ON BOARD. CAPTAIN KIRBUK, *HAL* SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE BURN.

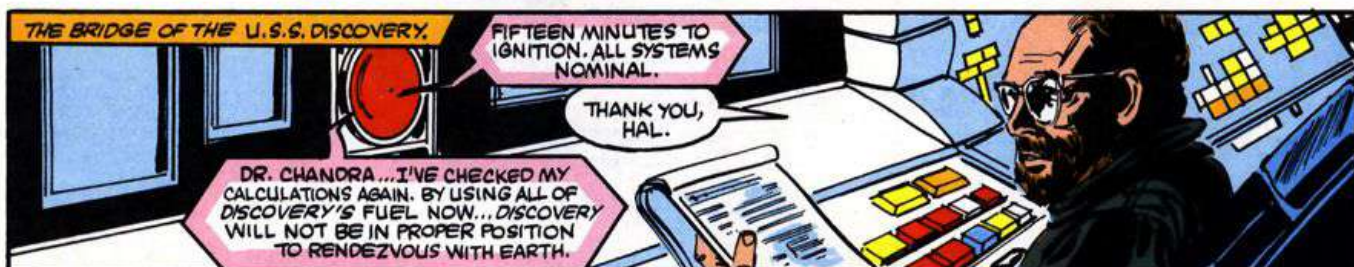
I...DON'T KNOW. I'VE SPENT THE LAST FEW WEEKS PROGRAMMING *HAL* FOR A THOUSAND-DAY ORBIT BACK TO EARTH. NOW ALL OF THOSE PROGRAMS HAVE TO BE DUMPED.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

YOU'RE ASKING ME TO PROGRAM *HAL* FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF *DISCOVERY*...AS WELL AS HIS OWN DESTRUCTION. HAS ANYONE HERE CONSIDERED HIS REACTION?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

I'M SAYING I DON'T KNOW *HOW* HE WILL REACT.





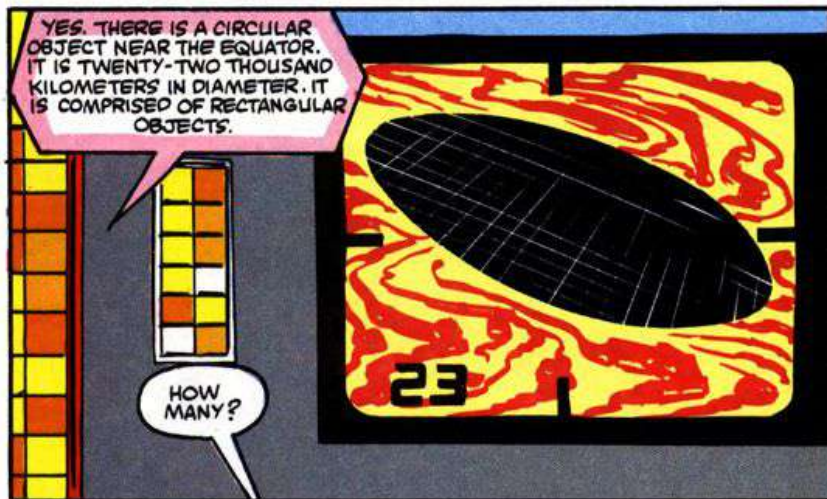
WHAT THE...!
IT'S FIVE... MAYBE
TEN TIMES LARGER
THAN WHEN WE PASSED
IT *BEFORE*!

RACK LENSES!
CURNOW! I WANT
TO SEE THAT THING
MAGNIFIED!

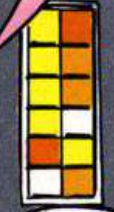


ELEVEN MINUTES TO
IGNITION. DR. CHANDRA:
I DETECT STRONG VOCAL
STRESS PATTERNS. IS
THERE A PROBLEM?

NO. THE MISSION
IS PROCEEDING
NORMALLY. CAN YOU
ANALYZE THE
IMAGE ON THE
MONITOR SCREEN?



YES. THERE IS A CIRCULAR
OBJECT NEAR THE EQUATOR.
IT IS TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND
KILOMETERS IN DIAMETER. IT
IS COMPRISED OF RECTANGULAR
OBJECTS.



HOW
MANY?



ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED, FIFTY-FIVE
THOUSAND... PLUS OR MINUS ONE
THOUSAND.

DO YOU
RECOGNIZE
THE OBJECTS?

YES. THEY ARE
IDENTICAL IN SIZE
AND SHAPE TO THE
OBJECT YOU CALL
THE MONOLITH.
TEN MINUTES
TO IGNITION.



IS THE NUMBER OF
MONOLITHS CONSTANT?

NO. THEY ARE
INCREASING...
AT THE RATE OF
ONCE EVERY
TWO MINUTES.



TELL ME I'M NUTS! ARE THE CLOUD
FORMATIONS GOING **TOWARDS**
THE SPOT?

IT LOOKS LIKE THE THING
IS... **EATING THE PLANET!**

I THINK
IT IS!

IT'S
REPRODUCING
EXACTLY LIKE
A VIRUS!



FOUR MINUTES TO IGNITION. DR. CHANDRA, THIS IS A VERY UNUSUAL PHENOMENON. DON'T YOU THINK I SHOULD ABORT THE COUNTDOWN SO THAT YOU CAN REMAIN AND STUDY IT.



NO, HAL... DON'T STOP. I'M FULLY CONFIDENT IN YOUR ABILITY TO STUDY THE PHENOMENON BY YOURSELF.

ARE YOU SURE YOU ARE MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION? I THINK WE SHOULD STOP THE COUNTDOWN.

NO. DON'T DO THAT.

THIS BEHAVIOR IS INCONSISTENT WITH LOGIC, DR. CHANDRA. THIS PHENOMENON IS TOO IMPORTANT TO LEAVE... UNLESS IT REPRESENTED DANGER. DO YOU THINK THERE IS DANGER HERE? THREE MINUTES TO IGNITION.

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO YOU. WE HAVE TO LEAVE HERE. WE NEED YOUR HELP.



FINAL SEQUENCE BEGINNING. NINETY SECONDS TO IGNITION. DR. CHANDRA... I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PROCEED WITHOUT KNOWING WHY WE ARE DOING THIS. IS THE MISSION IN JEOPARDY

YES, WE ARE IN JEOPARDY.



IS THAT WHY WE ARE MAKING OUR ESCAPE LAUNCH BEFORE THE LAUNCH WINDOW?

"YES, HAL."



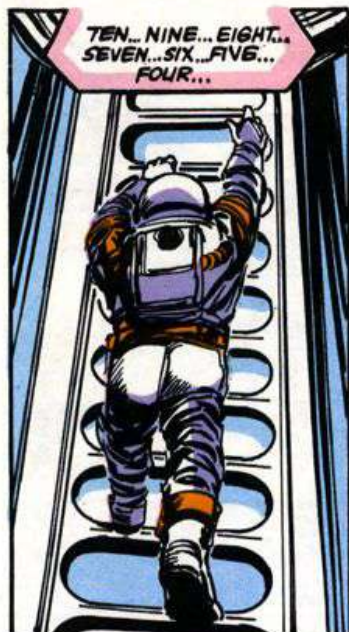
IGNITION IN NINETY SECONDS.

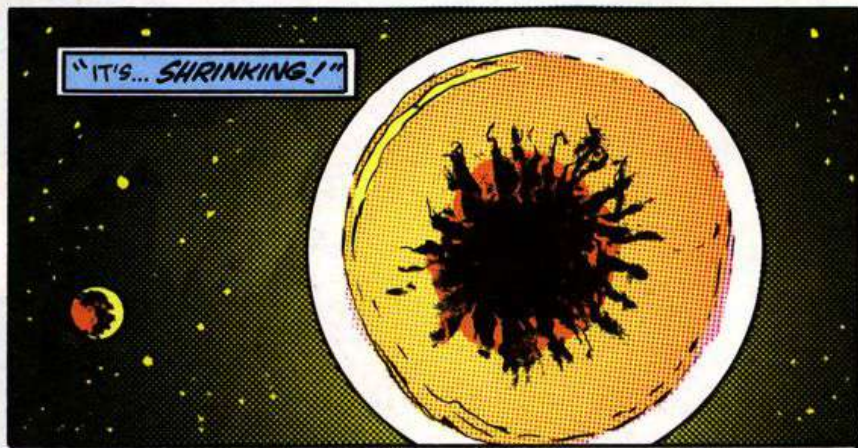
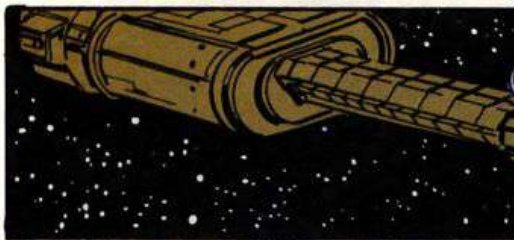
IF THERE IS DANGER HERE... AND I USE UP ALL THE FUEL IN THE ESCAPE... WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE DISCOVERY?

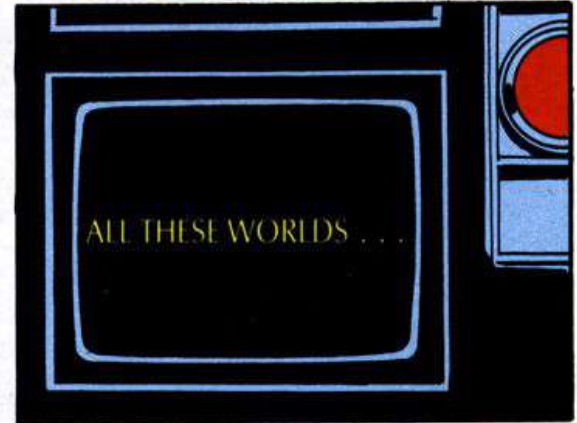
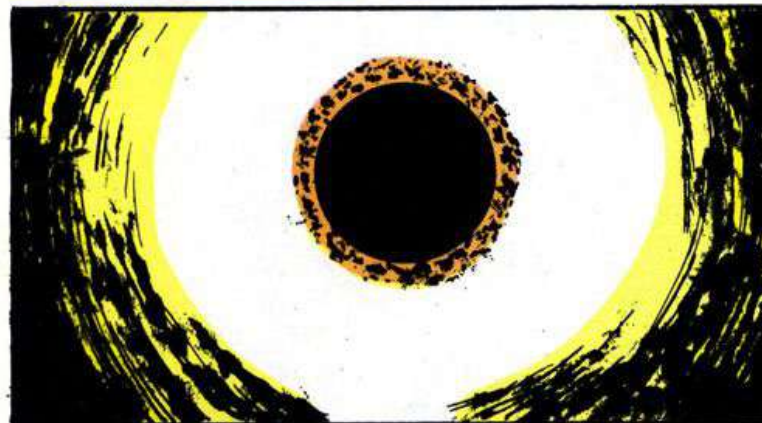
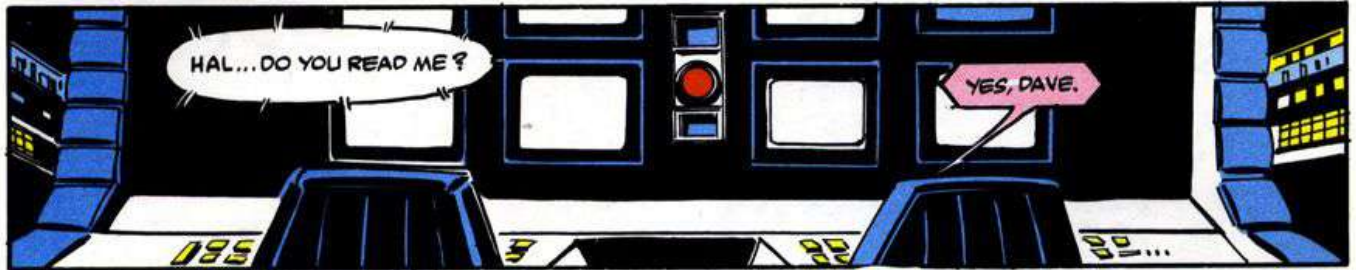
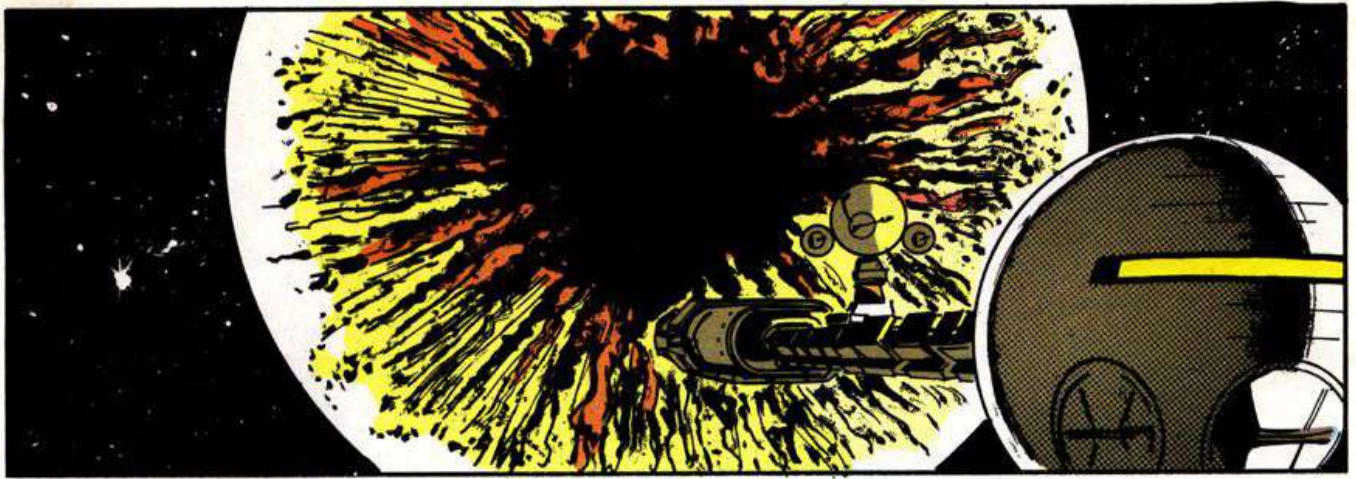
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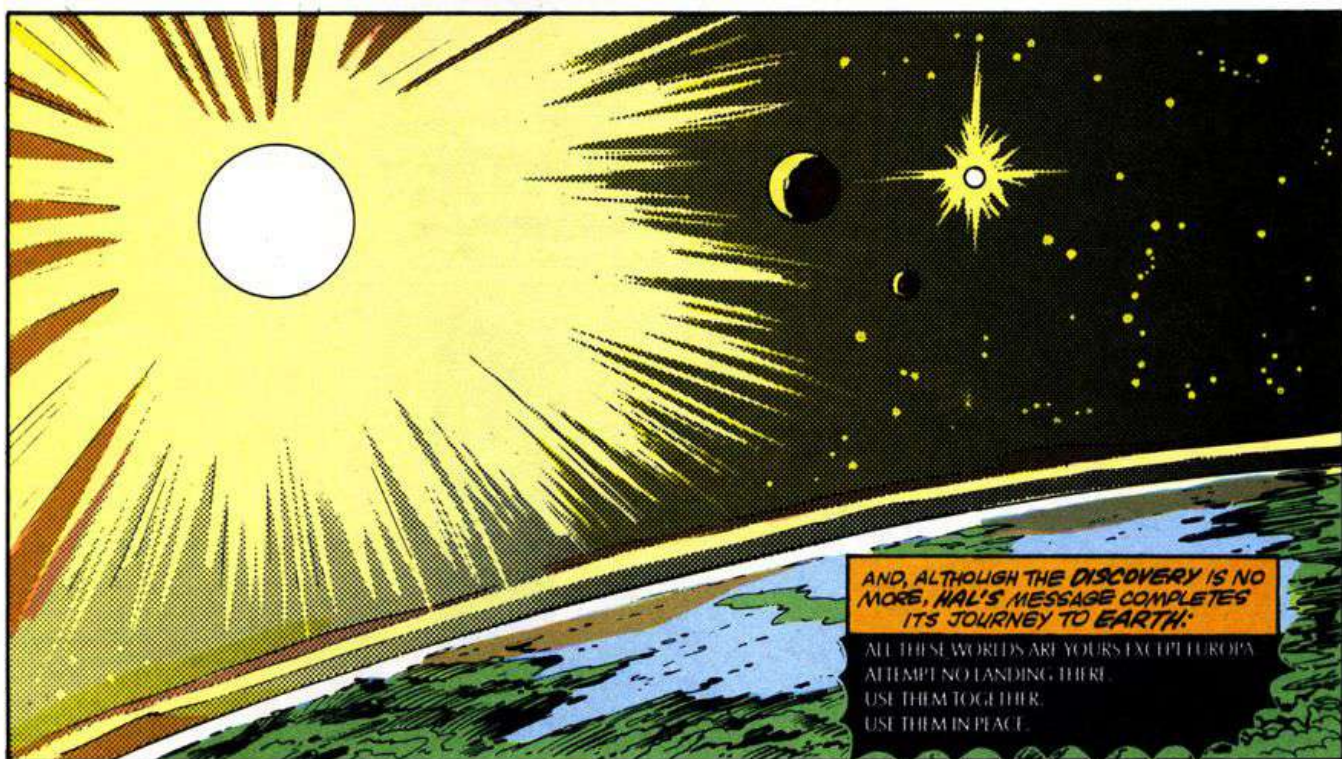
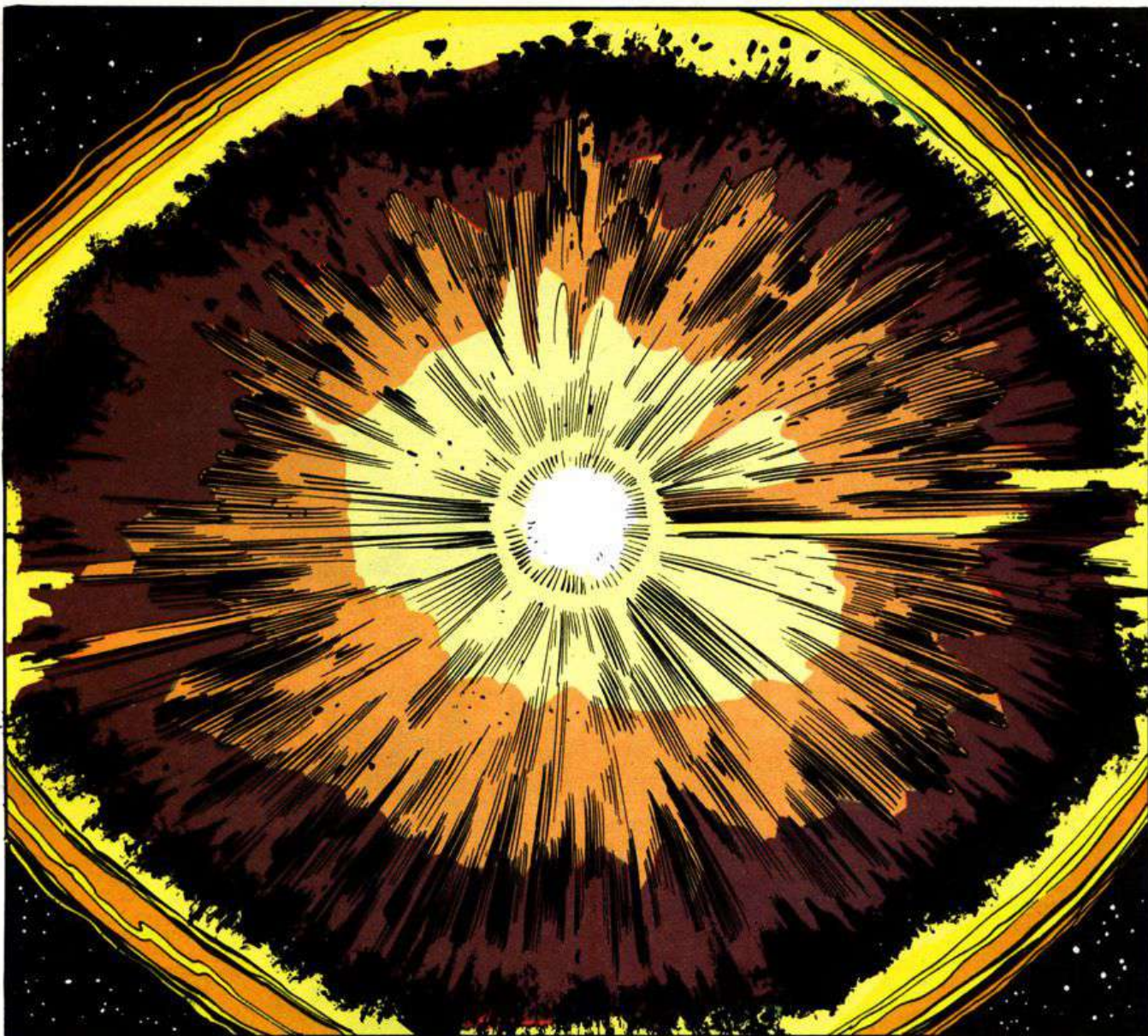
IGNITION IN SEVENTY SECONDS. AND IF I DON'T PROCEED WITH THE LAUNCH?

THE LEONOV AND EVERYONE IN IT COULD BE DESTROYED.





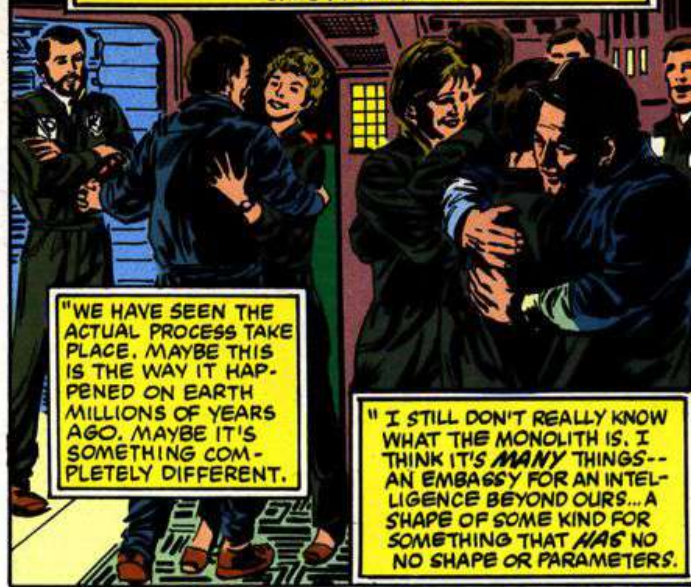




"MY DEAR CHRISTOPHER, I AM TRYING TO PUT INTO WORDS WHAT HAS HAPPENED. MAYBE THAT IS FOR HISTORIANS TO DO SOMETIME LATER. THEY WILL RECORD THAT THE NEXT DAY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES LOOKED OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE WINDOW... AND THE PREMIER OF THE SOVIET UNION LOOKED OUT OF THE KREMLIN WINDOW... AND SAW THE NEW DISTANT SUN IN THE SKY.



"THEY READ THE MESSAGE... AND PERHAPS LEARNED SOMETHING... BECAUSE THEY FINALLY RECALLED THEIR SHIPS AND PLANES.



"WE HAVE SEEN THE ACTUAL PROCESS TAKE PLACE. MAYBE THIS IS THE WAY IT HAPPENED ON EARTH MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO. MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

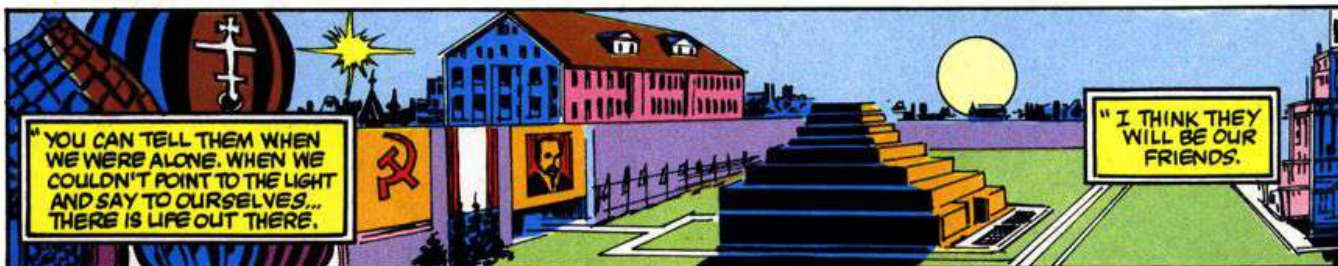
"I STILL DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THE MONOLITH IS. I THINK IT'S *MANY* THINGS-- AN EMBASSY FOR AN INTELLIGENCE BEYOND OURS... A SHAPE OF SOME KIND FOR SOMETHING THAT *HAS* NO SHAPE OR PARAMETERS.

"ALL I *DO* KNOW IS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE BORN IN A WORLD OF TWO SUNS. THEY WILL NEVER KNOW A SKY WITHOUT THEM.



"YOU CAN TELL THEM THAT YOU REMEMBER WHEN THERE WAS A PITCH BLACK SKY... WITH NO BRIGHT STAR... AND PEOPLE FEARED THE NIGHT.

"YOU CAN TELL THEM WHEN WE WERE ALONE. WHEN WE COULDN'T POINT TO THE LIGHT AND SAY TO OURSELVES... THERE IS LIFE OUT THERE.



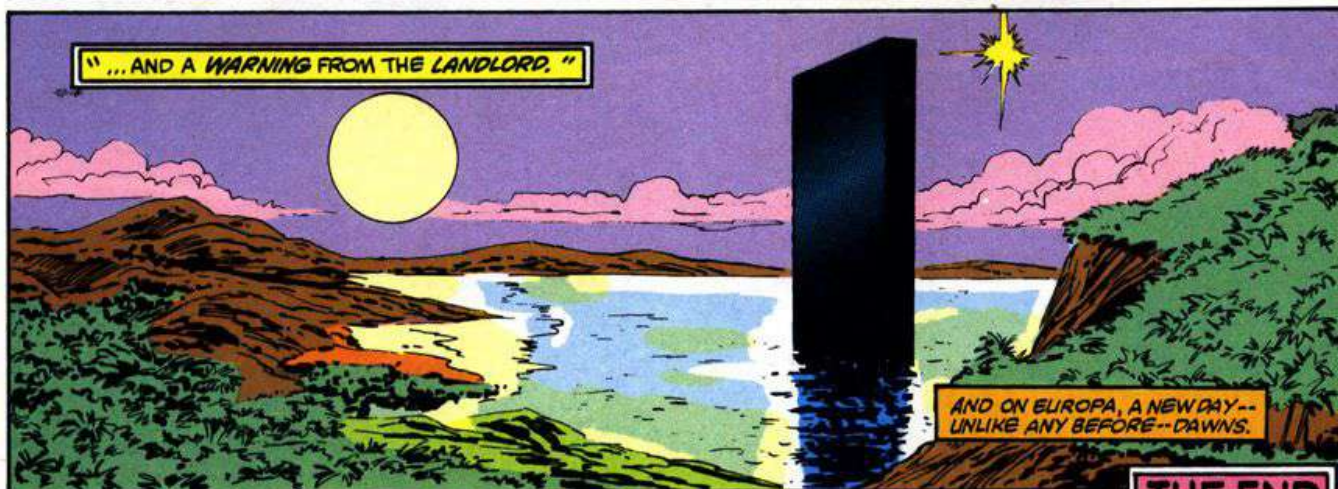
"I THINK THEY WILL BE OUR FRIENDS.

"YOU CAN TELL YOUR CHILDREN OF THE DAY WHEN EVERYONE LOOKED UP AND REALIZED THAT WE ARE ONLY *TENANTS* ON THIS WORLD.



"WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A *NEW LEASE*...

"...AND A *WARNING* FROM THE *LANDLORD*."



AND ON EUROPA, A NEW DAY-- UNLIKE ANY BEFORE-- DAWNS.

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